



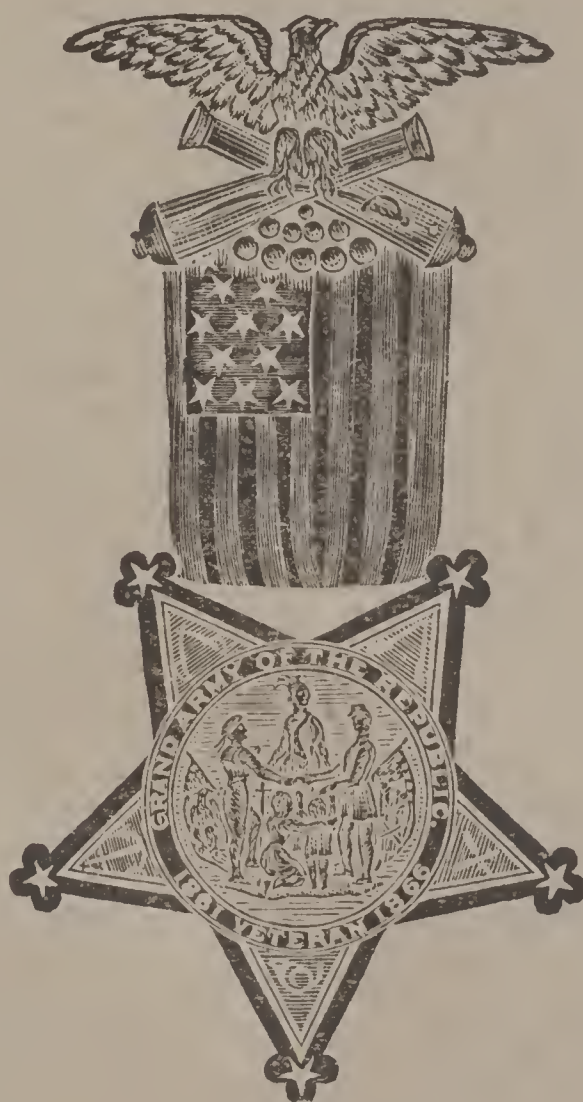
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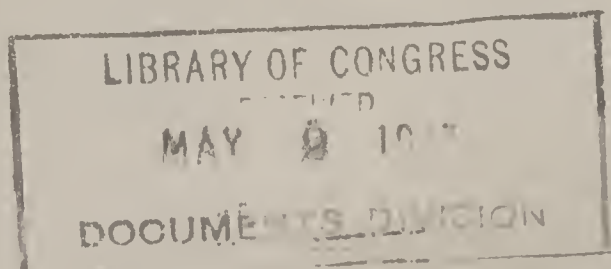
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PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 25, SIXTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, and the American Legion, respectively, shall, with accompanying illustrations, be printed annually hereafter as separate House documents of the Congress to which they may be submitted.

Approved, June 6, 1924.

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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., November 22, 1926.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

There is transmitted herewith the Journal of the Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Des Moines, Iowa, September 19 to September 25, 1926, which is submitted, as provided in public resolution No. 25, Sixty-eighth Congress, approved June 6, 1924, for printing as a House document.

HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Past Adjutant General.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL LIST OF COMMITTEES

ROLL OF THE SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 19 TO 25, 1926

NATIONAL OFFICERS *

Commander in chief

JOHN B. INMAN,¹ Springfield, Ill.

Senior vice commander in chief

OSCAR A. JANES,² Detroit, Mich.

Junior vice commander in chief

WILLIAM O. ALLEN,³ Newark, N. J.

Surgeon general

JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.

Chaplain in chief

WILLIAM P. McKINSEY, Lebanon, Ind.

Adjutant general

HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.

Quartermaster general

COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.

Judge advocate general

W. G. COCHRAN,⁴ Sullivan, Ill.

Inspector general

ISAAC COLE,⁵ Maplewood, N. J.

National patriotic instructor

SMITH STIMMEL,⁶ Fargo, N. Dak.

Assistant adjutant general

RUFUS L. CHASE,⁶ Des Moines, Iowa

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records

SAMUEL P. TOWN,⁷ Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief of staff

GEORGE A. HOSLEY,⁸ West Somerville, Mass.

Senior aid-de-camp

WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.

* All of the officers were present.

¹ Past commander, department of Illinois.

² Past commander, department of Michigan.

³ Past commander, department of New Jersey.

⁴ Past commander, department of Illinois; appointed to fill the unexpired term of Comrade McBride, who died in office.

⁵ Past commander, department of North Dakota; appointed to fill the unexpired term of Comrade Longfellow, who died in office.

⁶ Past commander, department of Iowa.

⁷ Past commander, department of Pennsylvania.

⁸ Past commander, department of Massachusetts.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Department	Name	Address
Alabama	George F. Jackson	Edgewood, Birmingham.
Arkansas	Cos Altenberg	Little Rock.
California and Nevada	William H. Noll	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	James H. Jewel	Fort Morgan, Colo.
Connecticut	Adrian C. Sloan ¹	New Haven.
Delaware	C. A. W. Frishmuth	Wilmington.
Florida	A. R. Sawyer	Lakeland.
Georgia and South Carolina	W. M. Scott ²	Atlanta.
Idaho	George F. Kimery	Boise.
Illinois	Wm. P. Wright	Chicago.
Indiana	David M. Foster	Fort Wayne.
Iowa	A. G. Beatty	Independence.
Kansas	J. H. Osborne	Humboldt.
Kentucky	M. H. Davidson	Louisville.
Louisiana and Mississippi	E. K. Russ	New Orleans.
Maine	Nathaniel W. White	Augusta.
Maryland	George T. Leach	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Henry Clark	North Cambridge.
Michigan	Albert Dunham	Jackson.
Minnesota	Silas H. Towler	Minneapolis.
Missouri	Samuel D. Webster	St. Louis.
Montana	J. N. Chestnut	Great Falls.
Nebraska	W. H. Stewart	Geneva.
New Hampshire	Joseph Willis	Haverhill.
New Jersey	Walter S. Tully ³	Hillside.
New Mexico	Z. H. Bliss	Albuquerque.
New York	Birt F. Parsons	Brooklyn.
North Dakota	Henry Beal	Valley City.
Ohio	Emmett F. Taggart	Akron.
Oklahoma	S. M. Hines	Stillwater.
Oregon	D. L. McKay	Portland.
Pennsylvania	H. H. Bengough	Pittsburgh.
Potomac	John Middleton	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island	Samuel A. Whelden	East Providence.
South Dakota	Warren Osborn	Zephyrhills, Fla.
Tennessee	M. F. Underwood ⁴	Knoxville, Tenn.
Texas	T. W. Woodcock	Dallas.
Utah	Henry W. Charter	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Wm. H. Pierce	Bellows Falls.
Virginia and North Carolina	Geo. W. Burchfield	Hampton, Va.
Washington and Alaska	A. A. Stevens	Wenatchee, Wash.
West Virginia	James T. Piggott	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin	E. B. Heimstreet	Lake Mills.

¹ Appointed to fill vacancy of David W. Sharp, who died in office.

² Appointed to fill vacancy of G. E. Whitman, who died in office.

³ Appointed to fill vacancy of Isaac Cole, who was appointed inspector general.

⁴ Appointed to fill vacancy of J. C. Mordough, who has left the department.

MEMBERSHIP OF SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the Sixtieth National Encampment, as shown by the following table, is 1,308. Deducting previously reported the net voting strength is 1,231.

National officers, past national officers, departments	Depart- ment officers	Repre- senta- tives	Past depart- ment com- manders	Total	Deduct pre- viously reported	Net voting strength
National officers, entitled to vote				5		5
National council of administration				43		43
Past commanders in chief				11		11
Past S. V. commanders in chief				12		12
Past J. V. commanders in chief				10		10
Alabama	4	1	13	18	2	16
Arizona						
Arkansas	4	2	17	23	4	19
California and Nevada	4	35	32	71	2	69
Colorado and Wyoming	4	8	14	26	2	24
Connecticut	4	7	9	20		20
Delaware	4	2	14	20	2	18
Florida	4	6	17	27		27
Georgia and South Carolina	4		10	14	1	13
Idaho	4	2	13	19	1	18
Illinois	4	38	12	54	1	53
Indiana	4	26	13	43	1	42
Iowa	4	27	19	50	3	47
Kansas	4	27	10	41		41
Kentucky	4	4	9	17	1	16
Louisiana and Mississippi	4	2	8	14	3	11
Maine	4	8	11	23	1	22
Maryland	4	4	15	23	3	20
Massachusetts	4	28	13	45	2	43
Michigan	4	19	12	35	2	33
Minnesota	4	11	20	35	3	32
Missouri	4	14	13	31	2	29
Montana	4	2	9	15		15
Nebraska	4	6	12	22	2	20
New Hampshire	4	3	13	20		20
New Jersey	4	9	16	29	4	25
New Mexico	4		12	16	4	12
New York	4	44	14	62	3	59
North Dakota	4		19	23	3	20
Ohio	4	29	18	51	3	48
Oklahoma	4	5	10	19		19
Oregon	4	8	20	32	3	29
Pennsylvania	4	46	12	62	2	60
Potomac	4	4	18	26	4	22
Rhode Island	4	3	10	17	2	15
South Dakota	4	4	14	22	2	20
Tennessee	4	2	15	21		21
Texas	4	1	13	18	2	16
Utah	4		8	12	1	11
Vermont	4	5	16	25		25
Virginia and North Carolina	4	2	2	8	1	7
Washington and Alaska	4	11	12	27	2	25
West Virginia	4	3	13	20	1	19
Wisconsin	4	15	12	31	2	29
Total	172	473	582	1, 308	77	1, 231

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871)	1866
S. A. Hurlburt, Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882)	1866-67
John A. Logan, Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886)	1868-1870
Ambros E. Burnside, Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881)	1871-72
Charles Devens, Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892)	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899)	1875-76
John C. Robinson, New York (died Feb. 18, 1897)	1877-78
William Earnshaw, Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1879
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1880
George S. Merrill, Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900)	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1882
Robert B. Beath, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1914)	1883
John S. Kountz, Ohio (died June 14, 1909)	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914)	1885
Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)	1886
John P. Rea, Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1887
William Warner, Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1888
Russell A. Alger, Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907)	1889
Wheelock G. Veazy, Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898)	1890
John Palmer, New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1891
A. G. Weissert, Milwaukee, Wis. (died Apr. 24, 1923)	1892
John G. B. Adams, Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900)	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908)	1894
Ivan N. Walker, Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1895
T. S. Clarkson, Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1896
John P. S. Gobin, Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910)	1897
James A. Sexton, Illinois (died in office, Feb. 5, 1899)	1898
W. C. Johnson, Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917)	1899
Albert D. Shaw, New York (died Feb. 10, 1901)	1899
Leo Rassieur, St. Louis, Mo.	1900
Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn.	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917)	1902
John C. Black, Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915)	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, Massachusetts (died in office, July 6, 1905)	1904
John R. King, Baltimore, Md.	1905
James Tanner, Washington, D. C.	1905
Robert B. Brown, Ohio (died July 30, 1916)	1906
Charles G. Burton, Kansas City, Mo. (died Feb. 25, 1926)	1907
Henry M. Nevius, New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911)	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn.	1909
John E. Gilman, Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921)	1910
Harvey M. Trumble, Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918)	1911
Albert B. Beers, Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1912
Washington Gardner, Washington, D. C.	1913
David J. Palmer, Washington, Iowa	1914
Elias R. Monfort, Ohio (died July 29, 1920)	1915
W. J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1916
Orlando A. Somers, Indiana (died June 9, 1921)	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, Omaha, Nebr. (died Feb. 23, 1924)	1918
James D. Bell, New York (died in office, Nov. 1, 1919)	1919
Daniel M. Hall, Columbus, Ohio (died Oct. 19, 1925)	1919
William A. Ketcham, Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921)	1920
Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.	1921
James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Van Wert, Ohio	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, E. Millsboro, Pa.	1924

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, New York (died Jan. 6, 1879)	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)	1868
Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)	1868-1870
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1871-72
Edward Jardine, New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, California (died Sept. 18, 1911)	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1878
John Palmer, New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1879
Edgar D. Swain, Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904)	1880
Charles L. Young, Ohio (died Sept. 1, 1913)	1881
W. E. W. Ross, Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)	1882
William Warner, Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1883
John P. Rea, Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1884
Seldon Connor, Maine (died July 9, 1917)	1885
S. W. Backus, San Francisco, Calif.	1886
Nelson Cole, Missouri (died July 31, 1899)	1887
Moses H. Neil, Columbus, Ohio	1888
A. G. Weissert, Milwaukee, Wis. (died Apr. 24, 1923)	1889
Richard F. Tobin, Massachusetts (died in office Nov. 22, 1890)	1890
George H. Innis, Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907)	1891
Henry M. Duffield, Michigan (died July 13, 1912)	1891
R. H. Warfield, California (died July 16, 1906)	1892
Ivan N. Walker, Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1893
A. P. Burchfield, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)	1894
E. H. Hobson, Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)	1895
John H. Mullen, Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907)	1896
Alfred Lyth, New York (died Dec. 15, 1924)	1897
W. C. Johnson, Ohio (elected Commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917)	1898
Daniel Ross, Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1899
Irvin Robbins, Indiana (died Feb. 29, 1911)	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921)	1900
John McElroy, Washington, D. C.	1901
William M. Olin, Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911)	1902
C. Mason Kinne, California (died Dec. 25, 1913)	1903
John R. King, Baltimore, Md. (elected commander in chief July 17, 1905)	1904
George W. Patton, Tennessee (promoted, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)	1905
George W. Cook, Colorado (died Dec. 17, 1916)	1905
Wm. H. Armstrong, Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)	1908
William M. Bostaph, Salt Lake City, Utah	1909
Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J.	1910
Nicholas W. Day, New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, Los Angeles, Calif. (died Feb. 8, 1923)	1912
Thomas H. Seward, Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)	1913
Joseph B. Grosword, Michigan (died in office Mar. 9, 1915)	1914
William F. Conner, Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)	1915
Geo. H. Slaybaugh, Washington, D. C.	1915
Wm. H. Wormstead, Marblehead, Mass.	1816
John L. Clem, Washington, D. C.	1917
John G. Chambers, Portland, Oreg.	1918
Charles B. Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.	1919
George A. Hosley, Boston, Mass.	1920
Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind. (died in office May 15, 1926)	1921
C. S. Brodbent, San Antonio, Tex.	1922
Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis.	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Boston, Mass.	1924

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)	1866-1869
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1870
James Coey, California (died July 14, 1918)	1871
J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio	1871-72
Edward Ferguson, Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)	1873
Guy T. Gould, Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919)	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)	1875-76
William Earnshaw, Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1877
Herbert E. Hill, Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)	1878
Harrison Dingman, Washington, D. C. (deceased)	1879
George Bowers, New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)	1880
C. V. R. Pond, Michigan (died June 9, 1912)	1881
I. S. Bangs, Maine (died May 30, 1903)	1882
Walter H. Holmes, California (died Mar. 26, 1889)	1883
Ira E. Hicks, Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919)	1884
John R. Lewis, Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)	1885
Edgar Allan, Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)	1886
John C. Lineham, New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)	1887
Joseph Hadfield, New York (not now in the order)	1888
John F. Lovett, Trenton, N. J. (deceased)	1889
George B. Creamer, Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)	1890
T. S. Clarkson, Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1891
Peter B. Ayars, Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)	1892
J. C. Bigger, Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)	1893
Charles H. Shute, Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909)	1895
Charles W. Buckley, Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)	1896
Francis B. Allen, Hartford, Conn. (deceased)	1897
Daniel Ross, Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899) (died Mar. 26, 1916)	1898
Michael Minton, Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)	1899
Frank Seaman, Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)	1900
James O'Donnell, Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)	1901
James P. Averill, Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)	1902
Harry C. Kessler, Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)	1903
George N. Patton, Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905) (died Sept. 19, 1906)	1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905) (died Dec. 30, 1917)	1905
Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn	1905
E. B. Fenton, Evanston, Ill	1906
William M. Scott, Atlanta, Ga	1907
Charles C. Royce, Washington, D. C. (died Feb. 11, 1923)	1908
Alfred B. Beers, Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1909
William James, Jacksonville, Fla	1910
William A. Ogden, Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914)	1911
Americus Whedon, Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921)	1912
A. S. Fowler, Little Rock, Ark. (died Oct. 18, 1922)	1913
W. F. Conner, Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915) (died Mar. 1, 1919)	1914
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich. (elected Apr. 1, 1915)	1915
Le Vant Dodge, Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925)	1915
E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La	1916
John M. Vernon, Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921)	1917
Charles M. Haber, National Soldiers' Home, Va	1918
Isidore Isaacs, New York (died Feb. 18, 1924)	1919
J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash	1920
Henry A. Johnson, Washington, D. C	1921
C. V. Gardner, Rapid City, S. Dak	1922
George T. Leech, Baltimore, Md	1923
John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr	1924

DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within the () indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

ALABAMA (42)

[Organized June 26, 1876. Reorganized March 12, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1925, 22. Posts, 2]

Department commander-----	W. W. Clapp-----	Birmingham.
Senior vice department commander---	Frank Fournier-----	Wylan.
Junior vice department commander---	L. D. Williams-----	Birmingham.
Assistant adjutant general-----	George F. Jackson-----	Birmingham.

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

Joseph Nixon, at large, Mobile.	Henry Chairsell, Birmingham.
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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Cornelius Cadle, ¹ 1868-1870. Datus E. Coon, ¹ 1871. George H. Patrick, ¹ 1871-1880. F. G. Sheppard, ¹ 1889. Seymour Bullock, ¹ 1890. A. B. Hayes, ¹ 1891. William Snyder, ¹ 1892. J. Clyde Millar, ¹ 1893. Charles W. Buckley, ¹ 1894. Manoah Bostick, ¹ 1895. George Wollenhaupt, ² 1896. W. H. Black, ¹ 1897. A. G. Bethard, ¹ 1898. A. P. Stone, ² 1899. George B. Randolph, ¹ 1900. G. F. Jackson, Birmingham, 1901. E. D. Bacon, ¹ 1902. R. H. Allison, ¹ 1903. Henry Chairsell, Birmingham, 1904. A. G. Negley, ¹ 1905. A. N. Ballard, ¹ 1906.	W. M. Campbell, ¹ 1907. Charles E. Peck, ¹ 1908. C. A. Cook, ¹ 1908. Thomas R. Gockel, ¹ 1909. Henry M. Austin, ³ 1910. Charles C. Chapin, ¹ 1911. W. H. Brooks, ¹ 1912. Joseph Greenwood, ¹ 1913. Anson B. Culver, ¹ 1914. Charles A. Mange, ¹ 1915. J. J. Powers, Mobile, 1916. E. F. Quinn, ¹ 1917. Isaac W. Higgs, ¹ 1918. A. W. Fulghum, Birmingham, 1919. John A. Barr, ³ Citronville, 1920. James Ashworth, Birmingham, 1921. Chester K. Roe, Spring Hill, 1922. George Hoenig, Cullman, 1923. Henry F. Dodd, Whistler, 1924. Frank McCloud, ³ Fairhope, 1925.
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Comrade Jackson, national council of administration

ARKANSAS (31)

[Organized July 11, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1925, 78. Posts, 7]

Department commander-----	John Q. Hayes ³ -----	Little Rock.
Senior vice department commander---	W. J. Kimsey-----	Gentry.
Junior vice department commander---	B. Bennett-----	Eureka Springs.
Assistant adjutant general-----	George W. Clark ³ ---	Little Rock.

REPRESENTATIVES

ALTERNATES

W. B. Brown, ³ Bauxite.	J. W. Barger, Little Rock.
G. H. Joslyn, ³ Gould.	W. C. Seaboalt, Siloam Springs.

¹ Deceased.

² Not now a member of the order.

³ Present.

ARKANSAS—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Stephen Wheeler, ¹ 1883-84.	John W. Lane, ¹ 1906.
C. M. Barnes, Guthrie, Okla., 1885.	Cos Altenberg, ³ Little Rock, 1907.
C. C. Waters, Little Rock, 1886.	Charles E. Newman, ¹ 1908.
Thos. Boles, ¹ 1887.	A. Y. Killingsworth, ¹ 1909.
S. K. Robinson, ¹ 1888.	J. M. McClintock, ³ DeVall Bluff, 1910.
A. S. Fowler, ¹ 1889-90.	R. J. Maxson, ¹ 1911.
W. H. H. Clayton, ¹ 1891.	F. W. Tucker, ¹ Little Rock, 1912.
Powell Clayton, ¹ 1892.	A. S. Fowler, ¹ 1913-14.
Logan H. Roots, ¹ 1893.	Charles C. Warn, ¹ 1915.
Thomas H. Barnes, ¹ 1893-94.	H. F. Wallace, ¹ 1916.
William C. Roberts, Rogers, 1895.	O. J. Kyler, Little Rock, 1917.
O. M. Spellman, ³ Heber Springs, 1896.	Horace Wyman, Bentonville, 1918.
A. H. Soekland, ¹ 1897.	Samuel Henderson, ³ Little Rock, 1919.
W. G. Gray, ¹ 1898.	Jacob E. Leas, Little Rock, 1920.
George W. Clark, ³ Little Rock, 1899.	George W. Clark, ³ Little Rock, 1921.
A. L. Thompson, ¹ 1900.	C. H. Parrish, Gentry, 1922.
W. G. Akers, ¹ 1901.	George W. Clark, Little Rock, 1923.
J. H. Avery, ¹ 1902-3.	Orin Parker, Bentonville, 1924.
Edward T. Wolfe, ² Mena, 1904.	M. C. Stouteagle, ³ Little Rock, 1925.
W. S. Bartholomew, Mansfield, 1905.	

Comrade Altenberg, national council of administration

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

[Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1925, 3,441. Posts, 89]

Department commander-----	Peter H. Mass ³ -----	San Francisco.
Senior vice department commander---	John C. Kendrick ³ ----	Pasadena.
Junior vice department commander---	Em. L. Stone-----	Santa Rosa.
Assistant adjutant general-----	A. E. Cohn ³ -----	San Francisco.

REPRESENTATIVES

C. F. Derby, Los Angeles.
O. H. Mennet,³ Los Angeles.
James H. Rouse,³ Pasadena.
J. L. Palmer, Hollywood.
S. W. Sutton,³ Santa Ana.
R. M. Crouch, Inglewood.
W. A. Packard,³ Los Angeles.
M. E. Gates,³ San Francisco.
A. E. Vest, San Diego.
Samuel Ziegler,³ Stockton.
Clifford Fuller,³ Los Angeles.
Frank E. Foster,³ Long Beach.
J. S. Wilson,³ Los Angeles.
S. M. French, Pasadena.
J. S. Kenyon,³ Los Angeles.
W. H. Amos,³ San Francisco.
Henry H. Wood, Long Beach.
L. W. Allum, Riverside.
S. W. Graves, Long Beach.
E. A. Speegle,³ Los Angeles.
John McKibben,³ Orange.
John T. Nourse,³ San Francisco.

ALTERNATES

T. D. Romans, Los Angeles.
W. H. Mershon,³ Los Angeles.
O. V. Knowlton, Fullerton.
A. W. Patton, Los Angeles.
E. G. Wilkinson, Stockton.
C. H. Frady,³ Long Beach.
F. H. Pettingill, San Bernardino.
James Dixon,³ Long Beach.
J. Frank Hazelton, Los Angeles.
T. M. Barrett, Glendale.
J. W. Renouf,³ Inglewood.
S. S. Stowe,³ Watts.
Jesse B. Bartley,³ Omaha, Nebr.
Henry Russell,³ Fresno.
H. I. Morton, Soldiers' Home.
J. T. Rees, Stockton.
D. N. Alexander, Riverside.
H. C. Anderson, Pomona.
M. T. Manus,³ Watts.
O. H. Maryatt, Santa Ana.
Harvey A. Dakin, Riverside.
John Rupp,³ Santa Clara.

¹ Deceased.

² Not now a member of the order.

³ Present.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES—continued

Robert N. Taylor,³ Glendale.
 P. E. Newman,³ Santa Ana.
 George Lockwood,³ Los Angeles.
 H. L. Judell,³ San Francisco.
 P. O. Needham, Sacramento.
 M. L. Guth,³ Oakland.
 W. H. Wagar,³ Ocean Park.
 Darwin B. Wolcott,³ Los Angeles.
 W. J. Stokes, Watsonville.
 John C. Mordough,³ Hollywood.
 B. F. Wright,³ Napa.
 L. G. Mosher, Santa Barbara.
 William H. Wharff, Berkeley.

ALTERNATIVES—continued

G. W. Bryson,³ Los Angeles.
 P. D. Swich,³ Pomona.
 James McConnell,³ Biggs.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John F. Miller¹ (provisional), 1867.
 James Coey,¹ 1868–69.
 W. L. Campbell,¹ 1870.
 W. E. McArthur,¹ 1871–72.
 W. H. Aiken,¹ 1873–74.
 A. Carlson,¹ 1875.
 A. C. Bagley,¹ 1876.
 S. W. Backus, San Francisco, 1877.
 S. P. Ford,¹ 1878–79.
 C. Mason Kinne,¹ 1880–81.
 W. A. Robinson,¹ 1882.
 J. W. Staples,¹ 1883.
 James M. Davis,¹ 1884.
 R. H. Warfield,¹ 1885.
 W. R. Smedburg,¹ 1886.
 E. S. Salomon,¹ 1887.
 T. H. Goodman,¹ 1888.
 George E. Gard,¹ 1889.
 A. J. Buckles,¹ 1890.
 W. H. L. Barnes,¹ 1891.
 J. B. Fuller,¹ 1892.
 E. C. Seymour,¹ 1893.
 J. M. Walling, Nevada City, 1894.
 C. E. Wilson,¹ 1895.
 T. C. Masteller,¹ 1896.
 N. P. Chipman,¹ 1897.
 Sol Cahen,¹ 1898.
 A. F. Dill,¹ 1899.
 George M. Mott, Berkeley, 1900.

George Stone,¹ 1901.
 W. G. Hawley,¹ 1902.
 William R. Shafter,¹ 1903.
 Charles T. Rice,¹ 1904.
 W. W. Russell,¹ 1905.
 William C. Alberger,¹ 1906.
 William G. Waters,¹ 1907.
 Samuel Merrill,¹ Long Beach, 1908.
 W. S. Daubenspeck,¹ Los Angeles, 1909.
 E. L. Hawk,³ Sacramento, 1910.
 H. V. Parker,¹ Los Angeles, 1911.
 W. R. Thomas, Oakland, 1912.
 G. M. Stormont, Pomona, 1913.
 B. B. Tuttle,¹ 1914.
 Hiram P. Thompson, San Diego, 1915.
 A. E. Leavitt,¹ 1916.
 C. H. Haskins,³ Los Angeles, 1917.
 John H. Roberts,¹ 1918.
 R. C. Martin,³ commandant Veterans' Home, 1919.
 George D. Kellogg,¹ (died in office), 1920.
 G. M. Burlingame,¹ 1920.
 William H. Noll,³ Los Angeles, 1921.
 S. W. Hopkins,³ Lodi, 1922.
 James R. Milner,³ Long Beach, 1923.
 George W. Grannis, Turlock, 1924.
 C. S. Stoddard,³ Santa Barbara, 1925.

TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Joseph S. Reynolds,¹ 1877, transferred from Illinois.
 M. V. Lucas,¹ 1884–1886, transferred from South Dakota.
 A. V. Cole, Long Beach, 1885, transferred from Nebraska.
 E. T. Langley, Santa Ana, 1890, transferred from South Dakota.
 William A. Bently,¹ 1891, transferred from South Dakota.
 J. J. Steadman,¹ Hollywood, 1892, transferred from Iowa.
 J. Clyde Millar,¹ 1893, transferred from Alabama.
 J. P. Cummings,¹ 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.
 Clarendon E. Adams,¹ 1895, transferred from Nebraska.
 James E. Burns, Fresno, 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.
 George Hoxworth,¹ 1897, transferred from Arizona.
 O. H. Coulter,¹ 1899, transferred from Kansas.
 M. A. Breeden,¹ 1900, transferred from Utah.
 Perry H. Manchester,³ Los Angeles, 1900, transferred from Montana.

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS—continued

A. H. DeGroff, Berkeley, 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.
James W. Edwards, Fullerton, 1902, transferred from New Mexico.
H. B. Steward, Santa Monica, 1910, transferred from New Mexico.
Thomas E. Blanchard, Santa Cruz, 1902, transferred from South Dakota.
John C. Gipson, San Diego, 1903, transferred from New York.
R. H. Mellette,¹ 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
D. P. Kyle, Los Angeles, 1921, transferred from Arizona.
Frank M. Davis,¹ 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
Philip Lawrence, Pomona, 1921, transferred from South Dakota.
George B. Loud,¹ 1921, transferred from New York.
W. M. Bostaph, San Leandro, 1902, transferred from Utah.
U. S. Holister, Hollywood, 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
W. H. Wiscombe, Long Beach, 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
P. Q. Stoner,¹ 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
O. D. McDonald, Sawtelle, 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
H. R. Wallace,¹ 1922, transferred from Arkansas.
John J. See, Pasadena, 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
W. H. Hornaday, Veterans' Home, 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. S. Tilton, Burbank, 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.
James P. Rhodes, Los Angeles, 1920, transferred from Arizona.
Silas Wilson,¹ San Diego, 1919, transferred from Idaho.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

James Coey, junior vice commander in chief (died July 14, 1918)_____	1871
Joseph S. Reynolds, senior vice commander in chief (died Sept. 18, 1911)_____	1875-76
Walter H. Holmes, junior vice commander in chief (died Mar. 26, 1889)_____	1883
S. W. Backus, senior vice commander in chief (1107 Jones Street, San Francisco)_____	1886
R. H. Warfield, senior vice commander in chief (died July 16, 1906)_____	1892
C. Mason Kinee, senior vice commander in chief (died Dec. 25, 1913)_____	1903
William M. Bostaph, senior vice commander in chief (315 Dowling Block, San Leandro)_____	1909
Henry C. Osborne, senior vice commander in chief (died Feb. 8, 1923)_____	1912
Clarendon E. Adams, commander in chief (died Feb. 13, 1924)_____	1918
Charles B. Wilson, senior vice commander in chief (2328 Eleventh Avenue, Los Angeles)_____	1919

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

[Organized as the Department of Colorado in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1892; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming August 28, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1925, 658. Posts, 34]

Department commander_____	W. M. Robertson ³ __	Denver, Colo.
Senior vice department commander_	J. B. Stewart ³ ____	Fort Morgan, Colo.
Junior vice department commander__	A. Minnier_____	Denver, Colo.
Assistant adjutant general_____	H. O. Dodge ³ _____	Denver, Colo.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
Halsey M. Rhoads, ³ Denver, Colo. (at large).	R. Lyman, Denver, Colo. (at large).
E. C. Condit, ³ Denver, Colo.	R. A. Cockins, Denver, Colo.
A. B. Pope, ³ Laramie, Wyo.	F. C. Hitchcock, Denver, Colo.
J. W. Burke, ³ Denver, Colo.	John Conkie, Denver, Colo.
J. E. Laycock, ³ Colorado Springs, Colo.	N. B. Yackey, Pueblo, Colo.
J. A. Fitz, ³ Denver, Colo.	G. H. Miller, Homelake, Colo.
A. W. Enily, ³ Denver, Colo.	John Mast, Laramie, Wyo.
Mathew Woods, ³ Denver, Colo.	R. McElhose, Denver, Colo.

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

COLORADO AND WYOMING—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Dr. Frederick J. Bencroft,¹ 1876.
 Andrew W. Taylor,¹ 1878-79.
 John W. Donnellan,¹ 1880-82.
 Eugene K. Stimson,¹ 1882-83.
 Buron L. Carr,¹ 1884.
 Aninman V. Bohn,¹ 1885.
 Henry Bowman,¹ 1886.
 George Ady,¹ 1887.
 John W. Browning,¹ 1888.
 Thomas J. Fisher,¹ 1889.
 Delos L. Holden,¹ 1890.
 George W. Cook,⁴ 1891.
 John C. Kennedy,¹ 1892.
 Myron W. Reed,¹ 1893.
 Nathaniel Rollins,¹ 1894.
 Nocholas J. O'Brien,¹ 1895.
 Dr. Horace O. Dodge,³ (transferred to
 California and Nevada) 1896.
 Uriah S. Hollister, 1897, Nevada.
 William T. S. May,¹ 1898.
 Andrew Royal,¹ 1899.
 Harper M. Orahoad,¹ 1900.
 Linus E. Sherman,¹ 1901.
 James W. Huff,² 1902.
 Harrison S. Vaughn,¹ 1903.
 Thomas J. Downen,¹ 1904.
 Dr. George W. Curfman,¹ 1905.
 Loren C. Dana,¹ 1906.
 Richard H. Mellette,¹ 1907.

Henry C. Waston,¹ 1908.
 John W. Wingate, Long Beach. Calif..
 1909.
 William W. Ferguson,¹ 1910.
 William H. McDonald, Grand Junction.
 1910.
 Dexter T. Sapp,¹ 1911.
 Henry M. Minor, Rocky Ford, Colo..
 1912.
 Rev. Cyrus A. Brooks, Denver, Colo.,
 1913.
 Rev. O. S. Reed,⁵ 1914
 Dr. Frank O. Burdick,¹ 1915.
 James Moynahan,¹ 1916.
 William H. Comtsock,³ Denver, Colo..
 1917.
 Asa Curl, Colorado Springs, Colo.,
 1918.
 Carol M. Bills,³ Denver, Colo., 1919.
 Marshall S. Crawford,² 1920.
 James E. Jewell,^{3 6} Fort Morgan. Colo.,
 1921.
 Samuel J. Capps,¹ 1922.
 A. W. Hogle,¹ Denver, Colo., 1923.
 William Butler,¹ Longmont, Colo.,
 1923.
 J. C. Plank,¹ Grand Junction. 1924.
 J. L. Randall, Denver Colo., 1925.

C. Ricketts, committee on resolutions

CONNECTICUT (6)

[Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1925, 663. Posts, 48]

Department commander-----	James R. Young ³ -----	Waterville.
Senior vice department commander---	Charles M. Shailer ³ -----	Devon.
Junior vice department commander--	Albert P. Stark-----	Bristol.
Assistant adjutant general-----	E. T. Abbott ³ -----	New Haven.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. H. Batterson,³ Post 48, South Nor-
 walk (at large).
 W. H. Shaffer,³ Post 50, Hartford.
 W. G. Renfree,³ Post 33, Plainville.
 George A. Tucker,³ Post 17.
 H. F. Northrop,³ Post 49.
 Morgan N. Atwater,³ Post 17, New
 Haven.
 Thomas Stevens,³ Post 50.

ALTERNATES

John Service, Post 1, Norwich (at
 large).
 Jerome Lent, Post 18, Danbury.
 Edward H. Allen, Post 13, Bristol.
 I. L. Warner, Post 18, Danbury.
 S. H. Wood, Post 11, New Britain.
 Charles Russell, Post 5, Cheshire.
 Albert F. Hall, Post 8, Meriden.

¹ Deceased.

² Not now a member of the order.

³ Present.

⁴ Past senior vice commander in chief.

⁵ Chaplain in chief.

⁶ National council of administration.

CONNECTICUT—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland, ¹ 1867.	Henry R. Jones, ¹ 1899.
Theodore G. Ellis, ¹ 1868–69.	John K. Bucklyn, ¹ 1900.
William H. Mallory, ¹ 1870–71.	Thomas Boudren, ¹ 1901.
L. A. Dickinson, ¹ 1872–73.	N. Burton Rogers, ¹ 1902.
Charles S. Buckbee, ¹ 1874–75.	Morgan G. Bulkeley, ¹ Hartford, 1903.
William E. Disbrow, ¹ 1876–77.	William C. Hillard, ¹ 1904.
Frank G. Otis, ¹ 1878.	Albert A. May, ¹ 1905.
Charles E. Fowler, ¹ 1878–79.	Virgil F. McNeil, New Haven, 1906.
George S. Smith, ¹ 1880.	Charles A. Appell, ¹ 1907.
Alfred B. Beers, ¹ 1881.	Edward Griswold, ¹ 1908.
Ira E. Hicks, ¹ 1882.	George Haven, New London, 1909.
Isaac B. Hyatt, ¹ 1883.	Edson S. Bishop, ² 1910.
William Berry, ¹ 1884.	Richard J. Cutbill, ¹ 1911.
Frank D. Sloat, ¹ 1885.	William H. Dougal, ¹ 1912.
John T. Crary, ¹ 1886.	James R. Sloane, ¹ 1913.
Henry E. Taintor, ¹ 1887.	Fred V. Streeter, ¹ New Britain, 1914.
Samuel B. Horne, Winsted, 1888.	Charles Griswold, ¹ 1915.
William H. Pierpont, ¹ 1889.	Henry J. Seeley, Noroton, 1916.
John C. Broatch, ¹ 1890.	Benjamin H. Cheney, New Haven, 1917.
Henry N. Fanton, ¹ 1891.	Christian Quien, ¹ 1918.
Benajah P. Smith, ¹ 1892.	George T. Nelch, ¹ Middletown, 1919.
Wilbur F. Rogers, 1893.	Randolph Williamson, ¹ 1920.
Selah G. Blakeman, ¹ Derby, 1894.	Christian Swartz, Norwalk, 1921.
John M. Brewer, ¹ 1895.	Orrin M. Price, ³ Norwich, 1922.
Oscar W. Cornish, ¹ 1896.	John L. Saxe, ¹ Waterbury, 1923.
Gustav D. Bates, ¹ 1897.	Ira R. Wildman, Danbury, 1924.
William Simons, ¹ 1898.	James W. Davis, ³ Bridgeport, 1925.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Joseph R. Hawley (died Mar. 18, 1905)-----	1868–69
Charles T. Buckbee (died Nov. 5, 1896)-----	1875–76
Francis B. Allen (died July 26, 1921)-----	1877
Ira E. Hicks (died Mar. 23, 1919)-----	1884
Alfred B. Beers (died Mar. 31, 1920)-----	1912

Comrade Sloan,³ national council of administration

DELAWARE (23)

[Organized January 14, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1925, 54. Posts, 5]

Department commander-----	Richard G. Buckingham	Newark.
Senior vice department commander---	Wesley E. Bolden ³ -----	Wilmington.
Junior vice department commander---	Weslie Jackson ³ -----	Wilmington.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. A. W. Frishmuth ³ -----	Wilmington.

REPRESENTATIVES

George S. Parks, at large, Seaford.
James Trigg, 1309 Walnut Street, Wilmington.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William S. McNair, ¹ 1881.	R. G. Buckingham, Newark, 1888.
John Wainwright, ¹ 1882.	Peter B. Ayars, ¹ 1889.
Daniel Ross, ¹ 1883.	Samuel Lewis, ¹ 1890.
C. M. Carey, ² Wyoming, 1884.	A. J. Woodman, ¹ 1891.
J. S. Litzenberg, ¹ 1885.	G. W. Stradley, ¹ 1892.
J. M. Dunn, ¹ 1886.	B. D. Bogia, ¹ 1893.
J. E. Mowbrey, Dover, 1887.	J. E. Vantine, ¹ 1894.

¹ Deceased. ² Not now a member of the order. ³ Present.

DELAWARE—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

E. F. Wood, Dover, 1895.
 William B. Norton,¹ 1896.
 J. S. Bradley,¹ 1897.
 Robert Liddell,¹ 1898.
 William H. Moystin,¹ 1899.
 William A. Reilly,¹ 1900.
 John W. Worrall,¹ 1901.
 John C. Garner,¹ 1902.
 William G. Baugh, sr.,³ 1903.
 William Kelley, jr.,¹ 1904.
 William Tharp,¹ 1905.
 Ira Lunt,¹ 1906.
 Jesse Hellings, Willow Grove, Pa., 1907.
 H. W. Perking,¹ Wilmington, 1908.

William H. Blake,¹ 1909.
 George C. Morton, Wilmington, 1910.
 William Mendenhall, Wilmington, 1911.
 John P. Riley, Wilmington, 1916.
 S. Sheward Johnson, Wilmington, 1916.
 C. A. W. Frishmuth, Wilmington, 1920.
 William A. Truitt, Milford, 1921.
 Charles Zerby, Wilmington, 1922.
 Nathaniel L. Henderson, Wilmington, 1923.
 Charles R. Lewis, Bridgeville, 1924.
 William H. Middleton, Wilmington, 1925.

Comrade Frishmuth, national council of administration

FLORIDA (36)

[Organized June 19, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1925, 412. Posts, 12]

Department commander-----	A. R. Sawyer ³ -----	Lakeland.
Senior vice commander-----	W. Sinclair-----	Orlando.
Junior vice commander-----	W. Frank Kenney-----	St. Cloud.
Assistant adjutant general-----	W. W. Blossom ³ -----	Tampa.

REPRESENTATIVES

Theodore Boquett, at large.
 M. M. Monahan.³
 A. W. Lathrop.³
 J. H. Simpson.
 A. R. Mix.
 William Hoover.

ALTERNATES

A. N. Cooley.³
 C. C. Shase.
 J. P. Smith.
 J. R. Fuller.³
 H. P. Rutton.
 H. B. Fluke.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville, 1884-85.
 G. H. Warton,¹ 1886.
 E. W. Hench, Plainfield, N. J., 1887.
 William James,¹ 1888.
 J. W. V. R. Plummer,¹ 1889.
 Fred S. Goodrich,⁷ 1890.
 John H. Welsh, Miami, 1891.
 J. De V. Hazzaed,¹ 1892.
 George F. Foote, Washington, D. C., 1893.
 David L. Way, Jacksonville, 1894.
 P. E. McMurray, Jacksonville, 1895.
 L. V. Jenness,¹ 1896.
 Charles M. Ellis, Jacksonville, 1897.
 George H. Packwood, Tampa, 1898.
 Edwin Kirby,¹ 1899.
 J. S. Fairhead,¹ 1900.
 F. G. Paecell,¹ 1901.
 S. Herbert Lancy,¹ 1902.
 J. F. Chase,¹ 1903.
 Henry Marcotte,¹ 1904.
 Thomas J. Owen,¹ 1905.
 William E. Emerson,¹ 1906.
 Samuel W. Fox,¹ 1907.

S. R. Hudson,¹ 1908.
 James Skinner,¹ 1909.
 James O. Thompson,¹ 1910.
 Joseph Bumby,¹ 1911.
 William P. Lynch, St. Cloud, 1912.
 William S. Siggins,¹ 1913.
 Lyman Leighton,¹ 1914.
 James F. Bullard, St. Cloud, 1915.
 W. H. Melrath,¹ 1916.
 John A. Wallace,¹ 1917.
 H. B. Jeffries,³ 1918.
 Theodore W. B. Drake,¹ (died in office), 1919.
 George E. Fields, Jacksonville, 1919.
 Imri A. Spencer, St. Petersburg, 1920.
 G. W. Brown, St. Cloud, 1921.
 C. J. Rose,³ Miami, 1922.
 Samuel Sage, Zephyr Hills, 1923.
 James Campbell, St. Cloud, 1924.
 A. C. Shaffer,¹ Lakeland, 1925.
 J. A. Brown,¹ Lynn Haven, 1925.
 J. H. DeGraw,³ St. Cloud, 1925.
 B. P. Rourerville,³ Dahston.

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

⁷ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA (41)

[Organized January 25, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1925, 35. Posts. 6]

Department commander-----	Benjamin F. Pim-----	Atlanta. Ga.
Senior vice department commander---	G. W. Schultz ³ -----	Savannah. Ga.
Junior vice department commander--	J. W. Howder ³ -----	Fitzgerald. Ga.
Assistant adjutant general-----	George K. Pettis-----	Atlanta. Ga.

REPRESENTATIVES

Henry Bruner, ³ Fitzgerald. Ga.	J. H. McGregor, ³ Fitzgerald. Ga.
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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John R. Lewis, ¹ 1889.	Leander Scott, ¹ 1908.
David Porter, ¹ 1890.	Chas. R. Haskins, Atlanta, Ga., 1909.
A. E. Sholes, Flushing, N. Y., 1891.	S. Clay Brown, ¹ 1910.
Thos. F. Gleason, ¹ 1892-93.	F. A. Jones, ³ Tallapoosa, Ga., 1911.
C. J. Watson, ¹ 1894.	C. H. Brooks, ¹ 1912.
L. B. Nelson, ¹ 1895.	P. Q. Stones ¹ (transferred to California), 1913.
John L. Clem, Washington, D. C., 1896.	I. C. Wade, ¹ 1914.
James P. Averill, ¹ 1897.	W. B. Todd, ¹ 1915.
James O. Ladd, Summerville, S. C., 1898.	R. S. Smith, ¹ 1916.
Alexander Mattison, ¹ 1899.	G. E. Whitman, ¹ 1917.
S. A. Darnell, ¹ 1900.	W. P. Randall, ¹ Atlanta, Ga., 1918.
Lewis Thayer, ¹ 1901.	J. M. Mosher, ¹ 1919.
W. M. Scott, ³ Atlanta, Ga., 1902.	Ira M. Swartz, ¹ 1920.
F. D. Lee, ¹ 1903.	C. J. Hitch, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1921.
James A. Commerford, ¹ 1904.	A. M. Crosby, ¹ Smyrna, Ga., 1922.
Charles F. Fairbanks, ¹ 1905.	Patrick Ryan, ¹ 1923.
Wm. H. Kimball, ¹ 1906.	C. W. Moriell ¹ (died in office), 1924.
C. P. Webster, ¹ 1907.	Charles H. Cox, Atlanta, Ga., 1924.

Comrade Scott, national council of administration

IDAHO (39)

[Organized January 11, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1925, 184. Posts. 14]

Department commander-----	John S Thorn ³ -----	Boise.
Senior vice department commander--	E. F. Conkling-----	Couer d'Alene.
Junior vice department commander--	John W. Frederick--	Couer d'Alene.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Otto F. Steen ³ -----	Boise.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. B. Wintley, ³ Boise.
E. G. Burnet, ³ Boise.

ALTERNATES

E. G. Burnet, Boise.
O. E. Hines, Boise.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Nye, ¹ 1888.	William C. Maxey, ¹ 1901.
A. S. Senter, ¹ 1889.	George M. Parson, ¹ 1902.
W. T. Riley, ¹ 1890.	E. S. Whittier, ¹ 1903.
Judson Spofford, Boise, 1891.	C. F. Drake, ¹ 1904.
A. O. Ingalls, ¹ 1892.	George A. Manning, ¹ 1905.
R. H. Barton, Moscow, 1893.	Alfred Anderson, ¹ Boise, 1906.
T. J. Groome, ¹ 1894.	A. M. Rowe, ¹ 1907.
D. H. Budlong, ¹ 1895.	William K. Jameson, ¹ 1908.
J. L. Fuller, Shoshone, 1896.	Stewart Young, ¹ 1909.
Lindol Smith, ¹ 1897.	Willard White, ¹ 1910.
N. F. Kimball, ¹ 1898.	M. W. Wood, Boise, 1911.
S. L. Thompson, ¹ 1899.	Jas. W. Shields, Twin Falls, 1912.
Charles A. Clark, ¹ 1900.	A. G. Nettleton, ¹ 1913.

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

IDAHO—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

H. J. Newhouse,¹ 1914.
 William H. Cable,¹ 1915.
 R. H. Barnes, Twin Falls, 1916.
 George F. Kimery, Boise, 1917.
 F. T. Page, Weiser, 1918.
 Silas Wilson,¹ Nampa, 1919.

John Carr, Coeur d'Alene, 1920.
 William S. Hawkes,¹ 1921.
 William Bower, Boise, 1922.
 F. J. Titus, Nampa, 1923.
 C. L. Longley, Twin Falls, 1924.
 George Gardner, Emmett, 1925.

Comrade Kimery, national council of administration
 J. M. Gill,³ past senior department commander

ILLINOIS (1)

[Organized April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1925, 3,744. Posts, 262]

Department commander -----	John E. Andrews ³ -----	Quincy.
Senior vice department commander ---	John Underfanger ³ -----	Springfield.
Junior vice department commander ---	H. M. Studebaker -----	Streator.
Assistant adjutant general -----	Henry C. Cooke ³ -----	Chicago.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. A. Gregory,³ at large, Post 318, Sullivan.
 T. W. Mullenix,³ Post 5, Chicago.
 W. H. H. Peirce,³ Post 5, Chicago.
 J. H. Campbell,³ Post 444, Chicago.
 C. E. Vaughn,³ Post 91, Chicago.
 J. Miller, Post 91, Chicago.
 Charles O. Brown,³ Post 28, Chicago.
 Henry C. Hayes, Post 146, Bloomington.
 L. S. Lambert,³ Post 45, Galesburg.
 Joseph Kohn, Post 9, Chicago.
 Samuel I. Pope,³ Post 742, Chicago.
 H. K. Wolcott,³ Post 48, Batavia.
 J. M. Norton,³ Post 1, Rockford.
 G. L. Richardson,³ Post 299, Dixon.
 M. Beal,³ Post 243, Rock Island.
 L. D. Vance,³ Post 96, Quincy.
 A. C. Best,³ Post 309, Princeton.
 George W. Hiser,³ Post 146, Bloomington.
 Johnson Gammel,³ Post 77, Danville.
 N. A. Riley, Post 129, Urbana.
 P. H. Lynch,³ Post 295, Jerseyville.
 W. H. Sammons,³ Post 30, Springfield.
 Perry Martin,³ Post 507, E. St. Louis.
 Perry Brimberry, Post 152, Palestine.
 C. T. Marsh,³ Post 1, Rockford.
 J. N. Fitch, Post 439, Cobden.
 J. P. Bailey,³ Post 77, Danville.
 Al Doy,³ Post 28, Chicago.
 D. H. Harper,³ Post 798, Chicago.
 James Buggie,³ Post 5, Chicago.
 Valentine Echert,³ Post 444, Chicago.
 J. C. Thomas,³ Post 5, Chicago.
 Thomas Caddick,³ Post 96, Quincy.
 George Sanders, Post 546, Rochelle.
 William O'Callaghan,³ Post 6, Joliet.
 S. G. Hickok,³ Post 798, Chicago.
 Killian Inners,³ Post 573, Chicago.
 H. M. Pense,³ Post 5, Chicago.
 D. C. Zimmerman,³ Post 273, Vandalia.
 John Carmichael,³ Post 560, Chicago.

ALTERNATES

W. T. Thomson, Post 444, Chicago.
 J. G. Regan, Post 742, Chicago.
 Nelson E. Myers, Post 6, Joliet.
 J. C. Deegan, Post 247, Ransom.
 J. S. Tompkins,³ Post 546, Rochelle.
 R. W. Wolever, Post 312, Moline.
 C. G. Dickhut, Post 96, Quincy.
 B. C. Bryner,³ Post 67, Peoria.
 W. H. Hunter, Post 387, Paxton.
 E. W. Hill, Post 77, Danville.
 W. N. Hodge,³ Post 141, Decatur.
 A. A. Lorton, Post 512, Whitehall.
 Elijah Jones, Post 30, Springfield.
 John Ulrich, Post 441, Alton.
 E. C. Nowland, Post 152, Palestine.
 John Offerman, Post 67, Peoria.

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

ILLINOIS—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson, ¹ 1866.	N. B. Thistlewood, ¹ 1901.
John M. Palmer, ¹ 1866–1868.	H. M. Trimble, ¹ 1902.
Charles E. Lippincott, ¹ 1871.	Benson Wood, ¹ 1903.
Guy T. Gould, ¹ 1873.	Robert Mann Woods, ¹ 1904.
H. Hillard, ¹ 1874–1876.	John C. Smith, ¹ 1905.
Joseph S. Reynolds, ¹ 1877.	Edwin H. Buck, ¹ 1906.
T. B. Coulter, Canon City, Colo, 1878.	A. C. Mathews, ¹ 1907.
Edgar D. Swain, 1879–80.	Joseph Rosenbaum, ¹ 1908.
J. W. Burst, ¹ 1881.	Philip C. Hayes, ¹ 1909.
Thomas G. Lawler, ¹ 1882.	James A. Connolly, ¹ 1910.
Samuel A. Harper, ¹ 1883.	C. C. Duffy, ¹ 1911.
L. T. Dickason, ¹ 1884.	Thomas H. Gault, ¹ 1912.
W. W. Berry, ¹ 1885.	J. H. Crowder, ³ Bethany, 1913.
Philip Sidney, ¹ 1886.	Samuel Fallows, ¹ 1914.
A. C. Sweetser, ¹ 1887.	John M. Snyder, Canton, 1915.
James A. Sexton, ¹ 1888.	W. F. Calhoun, ³ Decatur, 1916.
James S. Martin, ¹ 1889.	C. S. Bentley, ¹ 1917.
William L. Distin, ¹ 1890.	Joseph W. Fifer, Bloomington, 1918.
Horace S. Clark, ¹ 1891.	Henry D. Fulton, ³ Chicago, 1919.
Edwin Harlan, ¹ 1892.	Edwin N. Armstrong, ¹ 1920.
Edward A. Blodgett, ¹ 1893.	William P. Wright, ³ Chicago, 1921.
H. H. McDowell, ¹ 1894.	E. P. Bartlett, ¹ 1922.
William H. Powell, ¹ 1895.	J. G. Oulson, ³ Godfrey, 1922.
W. G. Cochran, Sullivan, 1896.	William J. Libberton, ¹ Chicago, 1923.
A. L. Schimpff, ¹ 1897.	Milton Stewart ¹ (by transfer).
John C. Black, ¹ 1898.	Charles M. Travis ¹ (by transfer).
John B. Inman, ³ Springfield, 1899.	Philip Smith, ³ Peoria, 1924.
J. M. Longnecker, ¹ 1900.	O. R. McKenney, ³ Chicago, 1925.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

B. F. Stephenson, ¹ commander in chief_____	1866
S. A. Hurlbut, ¹ commander in chief_____	1867
John A. Logan, ¹ commander in chief_____	1868–1870
G. T. Gould, ¹ junior vice commander in chief_____	1874
J. S. Reynolds, ¹ senior vice commander in chief_____	1875–76
E. D. Swain, ¹ senior vice commander in chief_____	1880
Thomas G. Lawler, ¹ commander in chief_____	1894
James A. Sexton, ¹ commander in chief_____	1898
James O'Donnell, ¹ junior vice commander in chief_____	1901
John C. Black, ¹ commander in chief_____	1903
H. M. Trimble, ¹ commander in chief_____	1911
J. M. Vernon, ¹ junior vice commander in chief_____	1917

John B. Inman,³ present commander in chief, Springfield, Ill.

W. G. Cochran,³ present national judge advocate general, Sullivan, Ill.

Comrade Wright,³ national council of administration.

INDIANA (20)

[Organized August 20, 1866. Reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1925, 2,448. Posts, 150]

Department commander_____	James W. Spain ³ _____	Evansville
Senior vice department commander_____	Watson F. Molyneaux ³ _____	Gary.
Junior vice department commander_____	Eli G. Anderson_____	Fort Wayne.
Assistant adjutant general_____	Albert J. Ball ³ _____	Indianapolis.

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

INDIANA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES

W. H. Hickmann, at large, Terra Haute.
 Moses Griffin,³ Princeton.
 C. C. Schreeder,³ Evansville.
 L. W. Shields,³ Bloomington.
 D. P. Gardner, Martinsville.
 L. D. Root,³ Bedford.
 Philip W. Brown, Franklin.
 W. F. Kendall,³ Columbus.
 T. J. Cottom,³ Terra Haute.
 J. F. Davenport,³ Richmond.
 W. A. Smith,³ Rushville.
 C. W. Chappel,³ Indianapolis.
 Vinson Carter, Indianapolis.
 D. H. McAbee, Indianapolis.
 J. F. Bird,³ Indianapolis.
 Levi L. Gilpin,³ Redkey.
 Benj. Nash,³ Bluffton.
 I. B. Auston,³ Noblesville.
 W. G. Cooper,³ Kokomo.
 George S. Haste,³ Gary.
 George W. Brigham,³ La Fayette.
 Lewis Reeves, Upland.
 Charles E. Hale, Longansport.
 William Greible,³ Fort Wayne.
 Jacob E. Meyers,³ Plymouth.
 A. Hunneshagen,³ Kewanna.

ALTERNATES

Frank M. Hay,³ Indianapolis.
 R. M. Morton,³ Princeton.
 J. S. Wright, Rockport.
 William P. Brewer,³ Worthington.
 I. N. May, Ellettsville.
 Josiah McCory, New Albany.
 James W. Flagler,³ Greenburg.
 John R. Owens, Franklin.
 John W. Whyte, Danville.
 William Graham, Richmond.
 John Ferris,³ Brookville.
 A. L. Akers, Indianapolis.
 W. R. Wycoff, Indianapolis.
 I. S. Wagner,³ Indianapolis.
 Thomas C. Clapp,³ Indianapolis.
 Amos Hage, Bluffton.
 G. W. H. Kemper, Muncie.
 William Kemp, Frankfort.
 T. R. Caldwell,³ Lebanon.
 Lewis La Duer, Valparaiso.
 Lemuel S. Ross, La Fayette.
 Fred Wilhelm, Valparaiso.
 D. C. Anderson, Logansport.
 S. D. Robinson,³ Columbia.
 Loren Miller, South Bend.
 D. W. Stump, Warsaw.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster,¹ 1866-1868.
 Nathan Kimball,¹ 1867.
 Oliver M. Wilson,¹ 1869.
 Louis Humphrey,¹ 1870-71.
 Jonathan B. Hager,¹ 1879.
 Samuel E. Armstrong,¹ 1880.
 William W. Dudley,¹ 1881.
 James R. Carnahan,¹ 1882-83.
 Edwin Nicar,¹ 1884.
 David N. Foster,³ Fort Wayne, 1885.
 Thomas W. Bennett,¹ 1886.
 Ira J. Chase,¹ 1887.
 Argus D. Vanosdol,¹ 1888.
 Charles M. Travis,¹ 1889.
 Gil R. Stormont, Princeton, 1890.
 Ivan N. Walker,¹ 1891.
 Joseph B. Cheadle,¹ 1892.
 James T. Johnston,¹ 1893.
 Albert O. Marsh,¹ 1894.
 Harvey B. Shively,¹ 1895.
 Henry M. Caylor,¹ 1896.
 James S. Dodge,¹ 1897.
 Daniel Ryan,¹ 1898.
 William L. Dunlay,¹ 1899.
 David E. Breem,¹ 1900.
 Milton Garrigus,¹ 1901.

Benjamin Starr,¹ 1902.
 George W. Grubbs,¹ Martinsville, 1903.
 Daniel R. Lucas,¹ 1904.
 Marine D. Tackett,¹ 1905.
 Edmund R. Brown, Winamac, 1906.
 William A. Ketcham,¹ 1907.
 John D. Alexander, Springville, 1908.
 Orlando A. Somers,¹ 1909.
 Alexander P. Asbury,¹ 1910.
 Daniel Waugh,¹ 1911.
 Frank Swigart,¹ 1912.
 Wilber E. Gorsuch,¹ 1912.
 Daniel W. Comstock,¹ 1913.
 A. B. Crampton, Indianapolis, 1914.
 Lewis King, Columbus, 1915.
 V. V. Williams,¹ 1916.
 Samuel M. Hench, Fort Wayne, 1917.
 Alonzo Murphy, Greensburg, 1918.
 William F. Medsker,¹ 1919.
 Robert W. McBride,¹ Indianapolis, 1920.
 Richard H. Tyner, Newcastle, 1921.
 William A. Kelsey,³ Fort Wayne, 1922.
 Albert J. Ball,³ Indianapolis, 1923.
 F. M. Van Pelt,³ Anderson, 1924.
 David Strouse,³ Danville, 1925.

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

INDIANA—Continued

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Robert S. Foster, junior vice commander in chief (died Mar. 3, 1903)---	1867
Ivan N. Walker, commander in chief (died Sept. 22, 1905)-----	1895
Irvin Robbins, senior vice commander in chief (died Feb. 9, 1911)-----	1899
William H. Armstrong, senior vice commander in chief (died Sept. 28. 1914)-----	1906
Orlando A. Somers, commander in chief (died June 9, 1921)-----	1917
William A. Ketcham, commander in chief (died Dec. 27, 1921)-----	1920
Robert W. McBride, ³ senior vice commander in chief (died May 15, 1926) -	1920

Comrade Foster. national council of administration

IOWA (19)

[Organized September 26, 1866. Reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1925, 2,631. Posts, 200]

Department commander-----	E. J. Stonebraker ³ -----	Hampton.
Senior vice department commander----	C. T. Miller ³ -----	Keokuk.
Junior vice department commander----	G. H. Clement ³ -----	Marshalltown.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John P. Risley ³ -----	Des Moines.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. O. Stewart,³ at large. Cedar Rapids.
 L. M. Corwin, Farmington.
 J. F. C. Wead,³ Washington.
 J. H. Lindsay,³ Maringo.
 James Corbin,³ Muscatine.
 E. L. Sweet,³ Manchester.
 L. A. Devedorf,³ Eldora.
 S. A. Peterson,³ Nashua.
 David Hall, West Union.
 Eugene Allen, Cedar Rapids.
 L. J. Leech,³ West Branch.
 J. K. Norris,³ Oskaloosa.
 J. C. Houston,³ Ottumwa.
 J. F. Baker,³ Newton.
 J. E. Kent,³ Perry.
 Tom Miller, Ames.
 Sam Oxenrider,³ Lacona.
 George H. Castle,³ Shenandoah.
 W. P. Allred,³ Corydon.
 John McGrath, Creston.
 J. K. Ewing,³ Villisca.
 J. A. Evans,³ Greenfield.
 W. T. McKee,³ Massena.
 W. T. Condon,³ Rockwell City.
 H. D. Dessinger,³ Fort Dodge.
 C. P. Matson,³ Storm Lake.
 E. J. Ross, Sioux City.

ALTERNATES

F. L. Quade,³ Dubuque.
 Charles McCoy,³ Keokuk.
 J. B. Dey,³ Washington.
 J. H. Dunmore, Clinton.
 J. H. Miller,³ Muscatine.
 Byron Leighton, Waterloo.
 O. G. Reeve,¹ Hampton.
 Joseph Watts, Nashua.
 John Gager,³ Cresco.
 George S. Bushnell,³ Cedar Rapids.
 G. H. Clement, Marshalltown.
 J. B. Carman,³ Agency.
 William Bartell,³ Grinnell.
 W. H. Shaw, Oskaloosa.
 Albert Miller, Perry.
 John B. Anderson,³ Winterset.
 C. Hamilton,³ Ames.
 S. B. Overmire,³ Lenox.
 L. C. Johnson,³ Osceola.
 G. W. Hinkle, Harvard.
 C. Teeman, Villisca.
 J. Hule,³ Dunlap.
 Clark Wilson,³ Audubon.
 D. C. Wilson, Manson.
 J. W. Huntington,³ Jefferson.
 Wallace Winslow,³ Le Mars.
 S. L. Cutshall,³ Spencer.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. E. Griswold,¹ 1879.
 W. F. Conrad,¹ 1880.
 Peter V. Carey, Des Moines, 1881.
 G. B. Hugin,¹ 1882.
 John B. Cook,¹ 1883.
 E. G. Miller,¹ 1884.
 W. R. Maning,¹ 1885.
 W. A. McHenry,¹ 1886.

J. M. Tuttle,¹ 1887.
 E. A. Consigny,¹ 1888.
 C. H. Smith,¹ 1889.
 M. P. Mills,¹ 1890.
 Charles P. Davidson,¹ 1891.
 J. J. Steadman, Hollywood, Calif., 1892.
 Philip Schaler,¹ 1893.
 George A. Newman,¹ 1894.

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

³ Died in office while national judge advocate general.

IOWA—Continued

P. ST. DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

J. K. P. Thompson, ¹ 1895	J. D. Brown, Leon, Iowa, 1912.
Josiah Given, ¹ 1896.	James W. Willett, ⁹ Tama, 1913.
A. H. Evans, ¹ 1897.	B. C. Ward, ¹ 1914.
R. W. Terrill, ¹ 1898.	John F. Merry, ¹ 1915.
C. F. Bailey, ¹ 1899.	John H. Mills, Redfield, 1916.
M. B. Davis, ¹ 1900.	J. L. Farrington, Iowa Falls, 1917.
George Metzger, ¹ 1901.	E. J. C. Bealer, Cedar Rapids, 1918.
John Lindt, ¹ 1902.	A. G. Beatty, ⁶ Independence, 1919.
L. B. L. Raymond, ¹ 1903.	Rufus L. Chase, Des Moines, 1920.
R. T. St. John, Riceville, 1904.	J. B. Harsh, ¹ 1921.
S. H. Harper, ¹ 1905.	L. J. Kron, Hampton, Iowa, 1922.
Charles A. Clark, ¹ 1906.	W. W. Gist ¹ (died in office), 1923.
D. J. Palmer, ⁹ Washington, 1907.	W. S. Freeman (succeeding Gist), 1923.
J. C. M. Ilman, Santa Monica, Calif.	W. H. Needman, ¹ (died in office), 1924.
M. McDonald, ¹ 1909.	D. B. Cowles ¹ (died in office), 1925.
H. A. Dyer, ¹ 1910.	Orlando S. Hartsman, 1925.
Lot Abraham, ¹ 1911.	Frank Dagle, Des Moines, 1926.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

David J. Palmer, commander in chief, Washington, Iowa-----	1914
James W. Willett, comander in chief, Tama, Iowa-----	1922

Comrade Beatty, national council of administration

KANSAS (22)

[Organized December 7, 1866. Reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership, December 31, 1925, 2,560. Posts, 202]

Department commander-----	Samuel Baughman ³ -----	Topeka.
Senior vice department commander----	John E. Holmes ³ -----	Hutchinson.
Junior vice department commander--	M. B. Soule-----	Independence.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. W. Priddy ³ -----	Topeka.

REPRESENTATIVES

H. P. Shaffer,³ Post 130, Hiawatha.
H. E. Jackson,³ Post 1, Topeka.
O. L. Heywood, Post 250, Topeka.
S. D. Woodard,³ Post 380, Natl. Mil. Home.
C. C. Collins,³ Post 12, Lawrence.
David T. Nash,³ Post 51, Iola.
T. B. Kelsey,³ Post 111, Princeton (Richmond).
J. S. Forgey,³ Post 18, Ottawa.
G. R. Blackwood,³ Post 142, Cherryvale.
B. Morritt, Post 4, Independence.
John W. Dill,³ Post 129, Chanute.
N. H. Abbott,³ Post 85, Winfield.
S. L. Hoover,³ Post 55, Emporia.
Nathan Hudon,³ Post 89, Peabody.
F. D. Dewey,³ Post 55, Emporia.
O. L. Moore, Post 63, Abilene (Topeka).
C. M. Howe,³ Post 100, Manhattan (Salina).
Geo. S. Smith,³ Post 116, Delphos.

ALTERNATES

H. D. Fay, Post 71, Topeka.
J. G. Hanna, Post 130, Hiawatha.
H. C. Root,³ Post 1, Topeka.
J. G. Byington, Post 6, Leavenworth.
John Gapen, Post 51, Iola.
Wm. Sinclair, Post 72, Humboldt.
R. A. Thompson, Post 18, Ottawa.
T. S. Ball, Post 51, Iola.
W. A. Cummings, Post 142, Cherryvale.
D. B. Clum, Post 64, Parsons.
O. T. Roming,³ Post 90, Coffeyville.
Marion Robinson, Post 145, Neodesha.
J. W. Malloy, Post 55, Emporia.
John Knox, Post 55, Emporia.
R. A. Patterson, Post 55, Emporia.
Hiram Springer,³ Post 63, Abilene.
W. B. Rhodes, Post 100, Manhattan.
W. H. Stewart, Post 127, Salina.
W. H. Hollingshead, Post 209, Horton.
W. W. Whitney, Post 58, Jewell City.
N. Linzy, Post 115, Wilson.
David Allen, Post 82, Jetmore.

¹ Deceased.
³ Present.

⁶ National council of administration.
⁹ Past commander in chief.

KANSAS—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES—continued

G. W. Kingsbury,³ Post 209, Norton.
Wesley Harbison,³ Post 58, Jewell City.
H. Keller,³ Post 115, Wilson.
Charles Ruff,³ Post 82, Jetmore (Hanson).
M. G. Davidson,³ Post 83, Nickerson.
A. O. Gere,³ Post 301, Stafford.
Grear Nagle,³ Post 25, Wichita.
I. J. Fisher,³ Post 57, Wellington.
D. L. Sweeney, Post 25, Wichita.

ALTERNATES—continued

E. W. Kirby, Post 83, Nickerson.
J. D. McKinzie.
H. I. Merrill, Post 25, Wichita.
J. H. Maddox, Post 57, Wellington.
J. M. Buffington,³ Post 85, Winfield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin,¹ 1866–67.
John C. Carpenter,¹ 1868.
W. S. Jenkins,¹ 1872.
Stephen A. Cobb,¹ 1872–1875.
John Guthrie,¹ 1876.
J. H. Gilpatrick,¹ 1877–78.
J. C. Walkinshaw,¹ 1879–1882.
Thomas J. Anderson,¹ 1883.
Homer W. Pond,¹ 1884.
Milton J. Stewart, Chicago, Ill., 1885.
C. J. McDivett,¹ 1886.
T. H. Soward,¹ 1887.
J. W. Feighan,¹ 1888.
Henry Booth,¹ 1889.
Ira A. Collins, Sabetha, 1890.
Timothy McCarthy,¹ 1891.
A. R. Green,¹ 1892.
Bernard Kelly,¹ Topeka, 1893.
W. P. Campbell,¹ Wichita, 1894.
John P. Harris,¹ 1895.
W. C. Whitney,¹ 1896.
Theo. Botkin,¹ 1897.
D. W. Eastman,¹ 1898.
O. H. Coulter,¹ 1899.
W. W. Martin,¹ 1900.

J. B. Remington,¹ 1901.
H. C. Loomis,¹ 1902.
Abraham W. Smith,¹ 1903.
Charles Harris,¹ 1904.
P. H. Coney,³ Topeka, 1905–6.
R. A. Campbell,¹ 1907.
W. A. Morgan,¹ 1908.
Joe H. Rickel,¹ 1909.
Nathan E. Harmon,¹ 1910.
T. P. Anderson,¹ 1911.
J. N. Harrison,¹ Topeka, 1912–13.
Ira D. Brougher,¹ 1914.
C. A. Meek,¹ Wichita, 1915.
R. M. Painter,¹ 1916.
A. C. Pierce, Junction City, 1917.
W. W. Smith,¹ 1918.
Theodore Gardner, Lawrence, 1919.
Joseph A. Walter,¹ 1920.
George P. Washburn,¹ 1921.
E. W. Bowman, Wichita, 1921.
William W. Dennison,³ Topeka, 1922.
William H. Mitchell,¹ 1923.
A. Graff, Wellington, 1924.
Fred Jackson,³ McPherson, 1925.

Comrade Osborne, national council of administration

KENTUCKY (27)

[Organized January 16, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1925, 331. Posts, 32]

Department commander_____	Albert Scott ³ _____	Louisville.
Senior vice department commander____	Charles Ashby ³ _____	Madisonville.
Junior vice department commander____	S. P. Young_____	Lexington.
Assistant adjutant general_____	John Barr ³ _____	Lebanon.

REPRESENTATIVES

W. G. Steward,³ Frankfort.
James A. Fisher,³ Covington.
Charles Holster,³ Louisville.
G. D. Olden,³ Louisville.

ALTERNATES

Edward W. Marriott,³ (at large).
Louisville.
Louis Simpson, Frankfort.
Joseph Webber, Covington.
John M. Denzer, Covington.

¹ Deceased. ³ Present.

KENTUCKY—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie, ¹ 1883.	William T. Bausmith, ¹ 1904.
W. H. Harton, ¹ 1884.	Bernard Matthews, ¹ 1905.
George W. Northrup, ¹ 1885.	George T. Grimstead, ¹ 1906.
Thomas Z. Morrow, ¹ 1886.	Le Vant Dodge, ¹ Berea, 1907-8.
William Bowman, ¹ 1887.	R. B. Hewetson, ¹ 1909.
Orrin A. Reynolds, ¹ 1888.	Sanford D. Van Pelt, ¹ 1910.
Vincent Boreing, ¹ 1889.	Charles C. Degman, ¹ 1911.
Michael Minton, ¹ 1890.	John Barr, ³ Lebanon, 1912.
Samuel G. Hills, ¹ 1891.	W. J. L. Hughes, ¹ 1913.
Edward H. Hobson, ¹ 1892.	Edwin Farley, Paducah, 1914.
T. Edward Livezey, ¹ 1893.	John T. Gunn, ¹ 1915.
Daniel O'Riley, ¹ 1894.	Sam D. Brown, ¹ 1916.
Robert M. Kelly, ¹ 1895.	J. R. Howard, ¹ 1917.
Americus Whedon, ¹ 1896.	T. A. Casey, ³ Dayton, 1918.
Andrew J. Tharp, ¹ 1897.	Andrew Offut, ¹ 1919.
J. W. Hammond, ³ Louisville, 1898.	H. H. Davidson, ³ Louisville, 1920.
Joseph H. Browning, ¹ 1899.	Jacob Seibert, ¹ 1921.
L. M. Drye, ¹ 1900.	John T. English, ³ Prospect, 1922.
John Blaes, ¹ 1901.	E. F. Tucker, Greensburg, 1923.
T. F. Beyland, ¹ 1902.	C. C. Furr, Frankfort, 1924.
W. G. Foree, ¹ 1903.	J. D. Compton, ³ Covington, 1925.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Michael Minton, ¹ Louisville, Ky-----	1900
Americus Whedon, ¹ Washington, D. C-----	1912
Le Vant Dodge, ¹ Berea, Ky-----	1916

Comrade Davidson,³ national council of administration.

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI (35)

[Organized as the Department of the Gulf May 15, 1884. Changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1925, 47. Posts, 6]

Department commander-----	Elihu A. Robinson--	Amelia, La.
Senior vice department commander----	John Wright ³ -----	Vicksburg, Miss.
Junior vice department commander--	Samuel Smith-----	New Orleans, La.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John Pierce ³ -----	New Orleans, La.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. W. Cornelius,³ Baton Rouge, La.
Sandy Simmons,³ Vicksburg, Miss.

ALTERNATES

Jordan Stokes,³ Vicksburg, Miss.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Roy, ¹ 1884.	E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La. (under transfer), 1910-1915.
J. W. Scully, Georgia, 1885.	E. T. Gipson, ¹ 1916-1918.
A. S. Badger, ¹ 1888-89.	H. N. Singleton, ¹ 1919.
Charles H. Shute, ¹ 1893.	John Pierce ³ New Orleans, La., 1920.
Charles W. Keeting, 1894-1899, 1902-1904.	Lewis Herman, New Orleans, La., 1921 (transfer).
F. C. Antoine, ¹ 1900.	E. J. Shearman, New Orleans, La., 1922 (transfer).
Paul Bruce, ¹ New Orleans, La., 1901.	Elihu A. Robinson, ³ Amelia, La., 1923-1925.
J. S. Davidson, ³ Bayou Gonla, La., 1905.	
P. H. Boyle, ¹ 1906-7.	
James Lewis, ¹ 1908.	
J. A. Brookshire, Beaumont, Tex., 1909.	

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI—Continued

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Charles H. Shute,¹ junior vice commander in chief----- 1894
 E. K. Russ, junior vice commander in chief, New Orleans, La. (transfer) - 1916

Comrade Russ, national council of administration

MAINE (9)

[Organized January 10, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1925, 685. Posts, 67]

Department commander-----	Nathaniel W. White ³ -----	Augusta.
Senior vice department commander----	Nahum H. Pillsbury ³ -----	Portland.
Junior vice department commander----	Nelson R. Brown-----	Lewiston.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Ezekiel H. Hanson ³ -----	Portland.

REPRESENTATIVES

Cyrus T. Wardwell (at large), Lewiston.
 John Monroe,³ Mechanic Falls.
 N. H. Pillsbury, Portland.
 Fredericke Ficke, Soldiers' Home.
 F. J. Bicknell,³ Rockland.
 Nelson R. Brown, Lewiston.
 T. N. Ayer,³ Alna.
 Hollis Simpson³ Waterville.

ALTERNATES

B. H. Swift, Freeport.
 Knowles Bangs, Freedom.
 C. E. Moulton, Portland.
 Alphonso Rollins, Portland.
 Joseph Raynes, Yarmouthville.
 C. S. Crowell, Lewiston.
 J. S. Marshall, Bangor.
 T. S. Philbrick,³ Rockland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal,¹ 1868-69.
 Charles P. Mattocks,¹ 1870-71.
 Daniel White,¹ 1872-73.
 Seldon Connor,¹ 1874-75.
 Nelson Howard,¹ 1876.
 John D. Myrick,¹ 1877.
 Augustus C. Hamlin,¹ 1878.
 Windsor B. Smith,¹ 1879.
 Isaac S. Bangs,¹ 1880.
 William G. Haskell,¹ 1881.
 Augustus B. Farnham,¹ 1882.
 Elisha M. Shaw,¹ 1883.
 Benjamin Williams,³ 1884.
 James A. Hall,¹ 1885.
 Samuel W. Lane,¹ 1886.
 Richard K. Gatley,¹ 1887.
 Horace H. Burbank,¹ 1888.
 Franklin M. Drew,¹ 1889.
 John D. Anderson,¹ 1890.
 Samuel L. Miller,¹ 1891.
 Isaac Dyer,¹ 1892.
 Wainwright Cushing,¹ 1893.
 J. Wesley Gilman,¹ 1894.
 William H. Green,¹ 1895.
 Lorenzo J. Carver,¹ 1896.
 Leroy T. Carleton, Winthrop. 1897.
 Charles A. Southard,¹ 1898.

Frederick Robie,¹ 1899.
 Seth T. Snipe,¹ 1900.
 William Z. Clayton, Bangor, 1901.
 James L. Merrick,¹ 1902.
 Joshua L. Chamberlain,¹ 1903.
 Edwin C. Milliken,¹ 1904.
 Henry O. Perry,¹ 1905.
 Frederick S. Walls,¹ 1906.
 Frank R. Goss,¹ 1907.
 Woodbury K. Dana,¹ 1908.
 Augustus W. McCausland,¹ 1909.
 John W. Webster,¹ 1910.
 Edwin Riley,³ Livermore Falls. 1911.
 William H. Holston,¹ 1912.
 John F. Lamb,¹ 1913.
 Thomas S. Benson, Sidney, 1914.
 Simon S. Andrews, Biddeford, 1915.
 Tobias L. Eastman, Fryeberg, 1916.
 John Quincy Adams, Houlton, 1917.
 Fred A. Motley,¹ 1918.
 George W. Goulding, Oakland, 1919.
 Henry E. Merriam, Gardiner, 1920.
 Edward A. Butler,¹ 1921.
 George A. Gay,¹ 1922.
 Ezekiel H. Hanson,³ Portland, 1923.
 Charles E. Nason, Gray, 1924.
 Albert R. Hill, East Brownfield, 1925.

Comrade White, national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Isaac S. Banks, junior vice commander in chief, died May 30, 1903-----	1882
Seldon Connor, senior vice commander in chief, died July 9, 1917-----	1885
Edwin C. Milliken, senior vice commander in chief, died October 21, 1921-----	1900

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

MARYLAND (16)

[Organized January 8, 1868. Reorganized June 9, 1876. Membership, December 31, 1925. Posts, 20]

Department commander-----	George T. Leech ³ -----	Baltimore.
Senior vice department commander---	John A. Houck-----	Baltimore.
Junior vice department commander--	Joshua Thomas ³ -----	Hagerstown.
Assistant adjutant general-----	John T. Holmes ³ -----	Baltimore.

REPRESENTATIVES

James A. Barnett, 800 North Fulton Avenue.
 William Gallion,³ 204 East Cross Street.
 George Schneider,³ 517 North Chester Street.
 Louis Treff,³ 531 North Milton Avenue.

ALTERNATES

Vencin McCullough,² 114 North Paca Street.
 John C. Erdman, 2002 Belair Road.
 Joseph Froust, 114 North Paca Street.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Andres W. Dennison,¹ 1867-1869.
 E. W. Goldsborough,¹ 1870.
 E. T. Daneker, Baltimore, 1871.
 Adams E. King, 1872.
 E. B. Tyler,¹ 1876-1878.
 W. E. Griffith, 1879 (transferred).
 W. E. W. Ross,¹ 1880-81.
 Graham Dukehard, Baltimore, 1882.
 John Suter,¹ 1883.
 Frank M. Smith,¹ 1884.
 John W. Horn,¹ 1885.
 George W. F. Vernon,¹ 1886.
 Henry P. Underhill,¹ 1887.
 Theodore F. Lang,¹ 1888.
 George F. Wheeler, Baltimore, 1889.
 George R. Graham,¹ 1890.
 Joseph C. Hill,¹ 1891.
 Wallace A. Bartlett,¹ 1892.
 Frank Nolen,¹ 1893.
 Myron I. Rose,¹ 1894.
 Oliver A. Horner,¹ 1895.
 A. S. Cooper,¹ 1896.

George W. Johnson,¹ 1897.
 David L. Stanton,¹ 1898.
 Lewis M. Zimmerman,¹ 1899.
 John R. King,³ Baltimore, 1900.
 John G. Taylor,¹ 1901.
 John W. Worth,¹ 1902.
 William Stahl,¹ 1903.
 James Campbell,³ Barton, 1904.
 Richard N. Bowerman,¹ 1905.
 George Prechtel,³ Baltimore, 1906.
 Fred C. Tarr,¹ 1907.
 Robert C. Sunstrom, Baltimore, 1908.
 Benjamin F. Taylor,¹ 1909.
 William J. Vannort, Chestertown, 1910.
 John T. Holmes,³ Baltimore, 1911.
 Charles N. Emich,³ Baltimore, 1913.
 Albert K. Young, Baltimore, 1914.
 Joseph Brooks,³ Baltimore, 1915.
 James E. Van Sant,¹ 1916.
 E. Walter Giles,³ Baltimore, 1917-18.
 George T. Leech, Baltimore, 1919-1925.

Comrade Leech, national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

John R. King, commander in chief, Preston Apartment, Baltimore.
 Wm. E. W. Ross,¹ senior vice commander in chief.
 George B. Creamer,¹ junior vice commander in chief.
 Rev. J. I. Grenn,¹ chaplain.
 George R. Graham,¹ surgeon.
 Rev. Winnie Jones,¹ chaplain.
 Rev. B. S. Clarkson,¹ chaplain.
 George T. Leech, junior vice commander in chief, 708 American Building, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS (7)

[Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1925, 2,667. Posts, 158]

Department commander-----	William F. Brown ³ ----	Boston.
Senior vice department commander---	Henry A. Monk-----	South Braintree.
Junior vice department commander--	Edwin J. Foster ³ ---	Worcester.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Wilfred A. Wetherbee ³ ----	Boston.

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

MASSACHUSETTS—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES

Orlando F. Hatch,³ at large, Newburyport.
 John H. Lawrence,³ New Bedford.
 Edward Hague,³ Fall River.
 Alvin C. Howes,³ Middleboro.
 John D. Thompson,³ Rockland.
 John E. Bronson,³ Dedham.
 William E. Formean, Norwood.
 David King,³ Everett.
 Martin Feeney,³ Boston.
 John McGrath, Boston.
 James F. Flynn,³ Roxbury.
 Alex S. Wright, Lynn.
 William E. Carlton,³ Newburyport.
 George W. Towne, Lawrence.
 Charles A. Moore,³ Amesbury.
 Thomas F. Whiting, Beverly.
 Charles L. Robinson, Melrose.
 Henri Batchelder, Everett.
 John Shea, Wakefield.
 Orrin Stone,³ Malden.
 Thomas Crowley, Lowell.
 Genery T. Darling, Worcester.
 George W. Corey,³ Southbridge.
 Albert A. Buxton, Fitchburg.
 George S. Whitney, Milford.
 W. H. Abbott,³ Holyoke.
 James R. Hamilton,³ E. Northfield.
 John R. Sears, Greenfield.

ALTERNATES

Dudley Page, Lowell.
 Henry N. Hopkins, Taunton.
 George N. Alden, New Bedford.
 Samuel J. Wade, Brockton.
 Bela Alden, Whitman.
 David Dunbar, E. Weymouth.
 James McElroy, Stoughton.
 Dennis Driscoll, Boston.
 John B. McDonough, Boston.
 James S. Mitchell, Wollaston.
 Albert A. Nicherson, Chelsea.
 Eugene M. Libbey, Lynn.
 Charles Smith,³ Newburyport.
 John A. Brackett,³ Lawrence.
 Charles Stone, Amesbury.
 D. M. Steingardt, Lynn.
 Nathaniel Lawson, Lowell.
 Chester S. Goodwin, Lowell.
 Asa Childs,³ Melrose.
 Joseph A. Wiggins, Melrose.
 Francis J. O'Reilly,³ Cambridge.
 W. B. Webber,³ Brookline.
 A. Upton,³ Lynn.
 J. H. Webb,³ Quincy.
 Alvin Holman,³ Leominster.
 George Hall,³ South Boston.
 John Spare,³ New Bedford.
 L. E. Heath, Milford.
 W. W. Tanner, Fitchburg.
 E. H. Davenport, East Brimfield.
 Roswell C. Powers, Gardner.
 Edwin B. Smith, Westfield.
 Charles H. Armun, North Adams.
 John Fairbanks,³ Westboro.
 B. M. Campbell,³ Boston.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman,¹ 1866-67.
 A. B. R. Sprague,¹ 1868.
 Francis A. Osborn,¹ 1869.
 James L. Bates,¹ 1870.
 William Cogswell,¹ 1871.
 Henry R. Sibley,² 1872.
 Adin B. Underwood,¹ 1873.
 John W. Kimball,¹ 1874.
 George S. Merrill,¹ 1875.
 Horace B. Sargeant,¹ 1876-1878.
 John G. B. Adams,¹ 1879.
 John A. Hawes,¹ 1880.
 George W. Creasey,¹ 1881.
 George H. Patch,¹ 1882.
 George S. Evans,¹ 1883.
 John D. Billings, Belmont, 1884.
 John W. Hersey,¹ 1885.
 Richard F. Tobin,¹ 1886.
 Charles D. Nash,¹ 1887.
 Myron P. Walker,¹ 1888.
 George L. Goodale,¹ 1889.
 George H. Innis,¹ 1890.
 Arthur A. Smith,¹ 1891.

James K. Churchill,¹ 1892.
 Eli W. Hall,¹ 1893.
 Wilfred A. Wetherbee,³ Boston, 1894.
 Joseph W. Thayer,¹ 1895.
 William P. Derby,¹ 1896.
 John M. Deane,¹ 1897.
 William H. Bartlett,¹ 1898.
 John E. Gilman,¹ 1899.
 Peter D. Smith,¹ 1900.
 Silas A. Barton,¹ 1901.
 W. A. Blackmar,¹ 1902.
 Dwight O. Judd,¹ 1903.
 Lucius Field,¹ 1904.
 James H. Wolff,¹ 1905.
 J. Payson Bradley, Boston, 1906.
 Daniel H. L. Gleason,¹ 1907.
 Alfred S. Roe,¹ 1908.
 John L. Parker,¹ 1909.
 J. Willard Brown,¹ 1910.
 Granville C. Fiske,¹ 1910-11.
 George A. Hosley,³ West Somerville, 1912.
 Thomas J. Ames, Leominster, 1913.

¹ Deceased.² Not now a member of the order.³ Present.

MASSACHUSETTS—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

John M. Woods, Somerville, 1914.
 Alfred H. Knowles, Arlington, 1915.
 Francis E. Mole,¹ 1916.
 Daniel E. Denny,¹ 1917.
 Edwin P. Stanley,¹ 1918.
 George W. Wilder, Boston, 1919.
 Horace Goodwin, Westfield, 1920.

Edwin F. Morrill,³ Everett, 1921.
 Henry Clark,³ North Cambridge, 1922.
 George W. Pratt, Stoughton, 1923.
 Benjamin A. Ham,³ Dorchester, 1924.
 William L. Gage¹ (died in office), 1925.
 Henry H. Comey, Danvers, 1925.

Comrade Clark, national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

George A. Hosley,³ senior vice commander in chief, West Somerville----- 1921
 Wilfred A. Wetherbee,³ senior vice commander in chief, Newton----- 1925

MICHIGAN (18)

[Organized May 6, 1868. Reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1925, 1,780. Posts, 118]

Department commander-----	Dr. James R. Stephenson ³ Grand Rapids.
Senior vice department commander--	Willis W. Crocker----- Jackson.
Junior vice department commander--	George S. Farrar ³ ----- Lansing.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Hiram A. Chapin ³ ----- Lansing.

REPRESENTATIVES

A. L. Sawyer³ (at large), Detroit.
 Charles A. Bartlett,³ Detroit.
 James A. Sutton,³ S. H. Grand Rapids
 George W. Marsh, Battle Creek.
 James M. Brant,³ Berrien Springs.
 E. H. Stein,³ Grand Rapids.
 Thomas Warren, Flint.
 Allison L. Bryant,³ Lansing.
 L. L. Trash,³ St. Johns.
 A. J. Teed,³ Cadillac.
 Charles A. Randall,³ Reed City.
 M. W. King, Cheboygan.
 J. W. Wychoff, Houghton.
 Henry Stubensky,³ Detroit.
 Arthur E. Ferry,³ Lansing.
 David Spears,³ Dundee.
 George T. Gardner, Charlotte.
 Thomas Courtney,³ Detroit.
 Robert Morris,³ Detroit.

ALTERNATES

Francis Tindall, Grand Rapids.
 Walter Kinsler,³ Detroit.
 Josiah Creque, Jackson.
 J. W. Taylor, Detroit.
 J. H. Monk,³ Bangor.
 Wesley Wheeler, Grand Rapids.
 Charles T. Lord,³ Lansing.
 William Smith, Lamb.
 S. Z. Watson, Owosso.
 Ezra Tyler, Muskegon.
 William Barrett, Bay City.
 W. M. Cross, Cheboygan.
 Court Moore, Marquette.
 Joseph Keen, Detroit.
 George W. Howe,³ Port Huron.
 F. H. Carlton, Kalamazoo.
 Walter L. Funk,³ Grand Rapids.
 John Hinman, Detroit.
 Isaac Morse, Mason.
 S. D. Barley,³ Detroit.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger¹ (provisional), 1867.
 William A. Troop,¹ 1868.
 William Humphrey,¹ 1869-70.
 C. V. R. Pond,¹ 1878-79.
 A. T. McReynolds,¹ 1880.
 Byron R. Pierce,¹ 1881-82.
 Oscar A. Janes,³ Detroit, 1883.
 Rush J. Shank,¹ 1884.
 Charles D. Long,¹ 1885.
 John Northwood,¹ 1886.
 L. G. Rutherford,¹ 1887.

Washington Gardner, Albion, 1888.
 Michael Brown,¹ 1889.
 Henry M. Duffield,¹ 1890.
 Charles L. Eaton,¹ 1891.
 Henry S. Dean,¹ 1892.
 James H. Kidd,¹ 1893.
 Louis Kanitz, Muskegon, 1894.
 S. B. Daboll,¹ 1895.
 William Shakespeare, 1896.
 Aaron T. Bliss, 1897.
 Alex Patrick,¹ 1898.

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

MICHIGAN—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—continued

Russell R. Pealer, ¹ 1900.	Frank R. Chase, Smyrna, 1913.
Ethel M. Allen, ¹ 1900.	Riley L. Jones, ¹ 1914.
James Van Gleeck, ¹ 1901.	Henry C. Rankin, ¹ 1915.
Edward C. Anthony, ³ Negaunee, 1902.	Eli Strong, ¹ 1915.
D. B. K. Van Raalte, ¹ 1903.	L. H. Ives, Mason, 1916.
George H. Hopkins, ¹ 1904.	William O. Lee, ¹ 1917.
E. C. Cannon, ¹ 1905.	David S. Howard, ¹ 1918.
Joseph B. Griswold, ¹ 1906.	Edwin F. Lamb, ¹ 1919.
William Jibb, ¹ 1907.	Henry Spaulding, Lansing, 1920.
Charles E. Foote, ¹ 1908.	J. J. Holmes, Eaton Rapids, 1921.
George L. Holmes, ¹ 1908.	William Mears, ¹ 1922.
James M. Greenfield, ¹ 1909.	Lyman A. Gilbert, Highland Park, 1923.
Samuel J. Lawrence, ¹ 1910.	Marvin C. Barney, ³ Flint, 1924-25.
George W. Stone, ¹ 1911.	John Seel, ³ Benton Harbor, 1925.
John T. Spillane, Detroit, 1912.	

Comrade Dunham,³ national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Washington Gardner, commander in chief, Albion, Mich-----	1913
Oscar A. Janes, senior vice commander in chief, Detroit, Mich-----	1926

MINNESOTA (24)

[Organized August 14, 1867. Reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1925, 954. Posts, 100]

Department commander-----	P. B. Gorman ³ -----	St. Cloud.
Senior vice department commander---	P. T. Garrett ³ -----	St. James.
Junior vice department commander---	T. C. Wakefield ³ -----	Hutchinson.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Daniel J. Dodge ³ -----	St. Paul.

REPRESENTATIVES

T. H. Peacock,³ at large, Minneapolis.
Harrison A. Read,³ Waseca.
T. H. Crever,³ Worthington.
T. C. Wakefield, Hutchinson.
Jacob Zuber,³ St. Paul.
B. M. Hicks, Minneapolis.
M. F. Canfield, Long Prairie.
E. W. Van Ornum,³ Olivia.
S. M. Kielly, Duluth.
E. A. Hoyt, Minneapolis.
W. L. Hilliard,³ Redby.

ALTERNATES

Charles M. Wilson,³ Duluth.
George W. Tibbetts,³ West Concord.
U. H. Palmer, St. James.
F. A. Carlson,³ Red Wing.
F. A. Davis, St. Paul.
A. G. Dunlop, Minneapolis.
Albert Fox, Brainerd.
Edw. Clossy, Dawson.
J. H. Nell,³ Duluth.
J. O. Sargent, Crookston.
J. W. Peaslee,³ Minneapolis.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks, ¹ 1868.	Charles D. Parker, ¹ 1891.
Henry A. Castle, ¹ 1872-73-74.	L. M. Lange, Cass Lake, 1892.
George H. Johnston, ¹ 1876.	John Day Smith, Minneapolis, 1893.
Adam Marty, ¹ 1881-82.	Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, 1894.
John P. Rea, ¹ 1883.	Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, 1895.
E. B. Babb, ¹ 1884.	J. J. McCardy, ¹ 1896.
R. A. Becker, St. Paul, 1885.	E. B. Wood, Long Prairie, 1897.
William Thomas, ¹ 1886.	E. W. Mortimer, ¹ 1898.
L. L. Wheelock, ¹ 1887.	D. B. Searle, ¹ 1899.
James H. Ege, ¹ 1888.	Gideon St. Ives, St. Paul, 1900.
Alphonse Barto, ¹ 1889.	William H. Harries, ¹ 1901.
James Compton, ¹ 1890.	Perry Starkweather, ¹ 1902.

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

MINNESOTA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Isaac L. Mahan, St. Paul. 1903.	Watson W. Hall, St. Cloud. Fla.. 1915.
Harrison White, ³ Seattle, Wash., 1904.	Charles Van Campen, ¹ 1916.
C. F. MacDonald, ¹ 1905.	Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis. 1917.
Levi Longfellow, ¹ 1906.	Edwin F. Kenrick, ¹ 1918.
George A. Whitney, ¹ 1907.	J. D. Budd, Duluth, 1919.
Marcus W. Bates, ¹ 1908.	J. A. Town, ³ Minneapolis. 1920.
Loren W. Collins, ¹ 1909.	S. W. Powell, ¹ 1921.
Philip G. Woodward, 1910.	E. Z. Rasey, ³ St. James. 1922.
J. A. Everett, ¹ 1911.	W. H. Harrison, ³ Duluth. 1923.
William P. Roberts, ³ Minneapolis, 1912.	S. E. Mahan, ³ St. Paul. 1924.
Charles H. Taylor, Long Prairie, 1913.	W. T. Scram, Owatonna. 1925.
Charles H. Hopkins, ³ Fairfax, 1914.	

Comrade Towler. national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

John P. Rea, ¹ commander in chief-----	1888
John H. Millen, senior vice commander in chief-----	1897
Ell Torrance, ³ commander in chief, Minneapolis-----	1902
Silas H. Towler, ³ junior vice commander in chief, Minneapolis-----	1906
Samuel R. Van Sant, ³ commander in chief. Minneapolis-----	1910

Levi Longfellow,¹ national patriotic instructor (died in office). past department commander of Minnesota; born May 10. 1842; died February 26, 1926.

MISSOURI (25)

[Organized May 16. 1867. Reorganized April 22. 1882. Membership, December 31, 1925, 1,276. Posts, 80]

Department commander-----	John W. Lanley ³ -----	St. Louis.
Senior vice department commander---	John Ferguson ³ -----	Iburia.
Junior vice department commander---	H. W. Sandusky ³ -----	St. Joseph.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Wilbur F. Henry ³ -----	St. Louis.

REPRESENTATIVES

A. Whipple,³ at large, St. Louis.
A. J. Bennet,³ Unionville.
Max Fritz,³ St. Louis.
J. Hollingsworth,³ Nevada.
A. M. Reynolds,³ St. Joseph.
A. J. Showers,³ St. Louis.
J. L. Pierson, St. Louis.
E. H. Rogers,³ Boonville.
B. F. Park,³ St. Louis.
E. N. Edmonds,³ Kansas City.
P. L. Swartz,³ Joplin.
J. C. Greenman, Kansas City.
H. Ripley,³ Nevada.
C. P. Woodruff, Kansas City.

ALTERNATES

G. B. Cunningham,³ Youngstown.
C. Heathman,³ Nevada.
Samuel Zancker, St. Joseph.
Sidney L. Dailey,³ Kansas City.
R. B. Tyler, Joplin.
Jacob L. Stephens, Eldon.
A. McCann, Joplin.
J. H. Haney, Houston.
W. F. Klanke, St. Louis.
N. Wilson, Joplin.
T. L. Patton, Nevada.
D. H. Baldrige, Joplin.
Wm. Bryant, St. Louis.
C. G. Manchester, St. Louis.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner, ¹ 1882-83.	Louis Benecke, ¹ 1895.
W. F. Chamberlain, ¹ 1884.	Thomas B. Rodgers, ¹ 1896.
Nelson Cole, ¹ 1885-86.	John B. Platt, ¹ 1897.
E. E. Kimball, ¹ 1887.	A. G. Peterson, ¹ 1898.
Hiram Smith, jr., ¹ 1888.	John W. Scott, Daytona, Fla., 1899.
John E. Phelps, ¹ 1889.	Wilbur F. Henry, ³ St. Louis. 1900.
Geo Rassieur, ³ St. Louis, 1890.	George Hall, ¹ 1901.
George W. Martin, ¹ 1891.	Ira T. Bronson, ¹ 1902.
W. W. Whitehead, ¹ 1892.	F. M. Sterrett (transferred to Ohio), 1903.
Charles G. Burton, ¹ 1893.	Jerre T. Dew, ¹ 1904.
Louis Grund, ¹ 1894.	

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

MISSOURI—continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Henry Fairback, ¹ 1905.	Alex McCandless, ¹ 1916.
John M. Williams, ¹ 1906.	Thomas W. Evans, ¹ 1917.
Thomas D. Kimball, ¹ 1907.	Phil F. Coghlan, ³ St. Louis, 1918.
J. V. Martin, Brookfield, 1908.	W. C. Calland, ³ Springfield, 1919.
W. H. Skinner, ¹ 1909.	Samuel D. Webster, ³ St. Louis, 1920.
Robert N. Denham, ¹ 1910.	A. J. P. Barnes, Joplin, 1921.
Benjamin Warner, ¹ 1911.	James H. Hunter, Quincy, Ill., 1922.
Charles W. Ruby, ¹ 1912.	Samuel M. Mann, ¹ 1923.
Arthur Dreifus, ¹ 1913.	Alfred Zartman, ³ Kansas City, 1924.
William Lowe, Warrensburg, 1914.	Charles Kooock, ³ Sedalia, 1925.
James B. Dobyne, St. Louis, 1915.	

Comrade Webster, national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Nelson Cole, ¹ senior vice commander in chief_____	1887
William Warner, ¹ commander in chief_____	1888
Leo Rassieur, commander in chief, St. Louis_____	1900
Charles G. Burton, commander in chief (died March 25, 1926)_____	1908
W. H. Wormstead, ³ senior vice commander in chief. Marblehead, Mass__	1916

MONTANA (37)

[Organized March 10, 1885. Membership, December 31, 1925, 135. Posts, 10]

Department commander_____	Jacob Ohl ³ _____	Missoula.
Senior vice department commander---	C. E. Adams_____	Three Forks.
Junior vice department commander---	George T. Chambers ³ -----	Malta.
Assistant adjutant general_____	W. C. Lewis ³ -----	Helena.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. L. Chestnut, Great Falls.
Frank Myers,³ Helena.

ALTERNATES

Charles Wegner, Great Falls.
J. M. Johnson, Kalispell.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas P. Fuller, ¹ 1885.	J. B. Walgemuth, ¹ 1905.
Charles S. Warren, ¹ 1886.	A. J. Fisk, ¹ 1906.
Ela C. Water, ¹ 1887.	B. N. Beebe, ¹ 1907.
Julius G. Sanders, ¹ 1888.	Edwin C. Kinney, ¹ 1908.
Michael Brown, ¹ 1889.	Edwin S. Pease, ¹ 1909.
James E. Galloway, ¹ 1889.	Robert G. Huston, ¹ 1910.
Ed. S. Ferris, ¹ 1890.	John J. Rohrbaugh, ¹ 1911.
Harry C. Kessler, ¹ 1891.	W. Y. Smith, ¹ 1912.
John L. Sloan, ¹ 1892.	P. W. Sheehy, ¹ 1913.
Joseph O. Gregg (transferred to Ohio), 1893.	E. L. Barnes, ¹ 1914.
Peter R. Dolman, ¹ 1894.	James R. Goss, ³ Billings, 1915.
Robert E. Fisk ¹ 1895.	G. I. Reiche, Helena, 1916.
Lester S. Willson, ¹ 1896.	Simon Hauswirth, Butte, 1917.
Thaddeus C. Davidson, 1897.	John Marchion, ³ Anaconda, 1918.
W. H. H. Dickinson, ¹ 1898.	J. Perry McClain, Lo Lo, 1919.
C. B. Miller, ¹ 1899.	J. M. Page, ¹ 1920.
P. B. Manchester ³ (transferred to Cali- fornia), 1900.	Charles S. Shoemaker, Butte, 1921.
Frank P. Sterling, ¹ 1901.	William Coleman, ¹ 1922.
Alanson N. Bull, ¹ 1902.	W. B. Harlan, Columbia, Falls, 1923-24.
J. S. Wisner, ¹ 1903.	D. I. Breneman, Hamilton, 1925.
Henry N. Blake, Boston, Mass., 1904.	R. L. Cleveland, ³ Great Falls, 1925-26.
Wilbur F. Sanders, ¹ 1905.	

Comrade Chestnut, national council of administration

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

NEBRASKA (17)

[Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, December 31, 1925, 1,098. Posts, 110]

Department commander-----	J. O. Moore ³ -----	Milford.
Senior vice department commander--	David C. Bryson ³ -----	Hastings.
Junior vice department commander--	David Jack ³ -----	Peru.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Harmon Bross ³ -----	Lincoln.

REPRESENTATIVES

Henry V. Hoagland,³ at large, Lincoln.
W. F. Graver,³ Humboldt.
Thomas J. Smith,³ McCook.
Thomas E. Moore,³ Omaha.
J. M. Mahaffey,³ Bennett.
A. D. Rice,³ Kearney.

ALTERNATES

G. B. Chase,³ Juniata.
Anson Oits,³ Burkett.
Sheldon Peck,³ Central City.
A. F. Jewell,³ Central City.
Andrew Church,³ Lincoln.
H. C. Kiester,³ St. Edwards.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort,¹ 1877.
R. H. Wilbur,¹ 1878.
James W. Savage,¹ 1879-80.
S. J. Alexander,¹ 1881-82.
John C. Bonnell,² 1883.
Henry E. Palmer,¹ 1884.
A. V. Cole,¹ 1885.
John M. Thayer,¹ 1886.
H. C. Russell,¹ 1887.
W. C. Henry,¹ 1888.
J. B. Davis,¹ 1889.
T. S. Clarkson,¹ 1890.
Joseph Teeter,¹ 1891.
C. J. Dilworth,¹ 1892.
A. H. Church,¹ 1893.
Church Howe,¹ 1894.
Clarendon E. Adams,¹ 1895.
J. H. Culver,¹ 1896.
John A. Ehrhardt,¹ 1897.
Thomas J. Majors,³ Peru, 1898.
John E. Evans,¹ 1899.
John Reese,¹⁰ Broken Bow, 1900.
R. S. Wilcox, Omaha, 1901.
C. F. Steele,¹ 1902.
Lee Estelle,¹ 1903.

Harmon Bross,³ Lincoln, 1904.
John Lett,³ York, 1905.
John R. Maxson,¹ 1906.
Thomas Creigh,¹ 1907.
Eli A. Barnes,¹ 1908.
L. D. Richards, Fremont, 1909.
John F. Diener,¹ 1910.
A. M. Trimble,¹ 1911.
M. V. King,¹ 1912.
John A. Dempster,¹ 1913.
O. H. Durand,¹ 1914.
Geo. C. Humphrey,¹ 1915.
W. H. Stewart,³ Geneva, 1916.
Wilson E. Majors,³ Peru, 1917.
J. S. Hoagland,¹ 1918.
J. B. Strode,¹ 1919.
Joseph H. Presson,¹ 1920.
W. J. Blystone,¹ 1921.
John S. Davisson,³ Omaha, 1922.
O. C. Bell,³ Lincoln, 1923.
Grill J. Thomas, transferred from
Wisconsin, Harvard.
S. F. Sanders,¹ Holdrege, 1924.
E. F. Brown,³ Lincoln, 1925-26.

Comrade W. H. Stewart,³ national council of administration

NEW HAMPSHIRE (12)

[Organized June 30, 1868. Membership December 31, 1925, 394. Posts, 44]

Department commander-----	Albert T. Barr ³ -----	Manchester.
Senior vice department commander--	Eben C. Chase-----	Hooksett.
Junior vice department commander--	Joseph Willis ³ -----	Woodsville.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Frank Battles-----	Concord.

REPRESENTATIVES

W. W. Colony,³ Farmington.
George P. Morrill,³ West Concord.
Augustus Wagner,³ Manchester.

ALTERNATES

To be named by the council of ad-
ministration.

¹ Deceased.
³ Present.

² Not now a member of the order.
¹⁰ Junior vice commander in chief.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Matthew T. Betton, ¹ 1867.	A. C. Haines, Newmarket, 1901.
William R. Patten, ¹ 1868.	William S. Carter, Lebanon, 1902.
Daniel J. Vaughn, ¹ 1869.	Edward E. Parker, ¹ 1903.
James E. Larkin, ¹ 1870.	Henry O. Kent, ¹ 1904.
Augustus H. Bixby, ¹ 1871.	Daniel B. Newhall, ¹ 1905.
William H. Trickey, Tilton, 1872.	Osman B. Warren, ¹ 1906.
Timothy W. Challis, ¹ 1873-74.	William S. Pillsbury, ¹ 1907.
Alvin S. Eaton, ¹ 1875.	Augustus D. Sanborn, ¹ 1908.
Charles J. Richards, ¹ 1876-1878.	Charles W. Stevens, Nashua, 1909.
George Bowers, ¹ 1879-80.	Albert D. Scovell, Manchester, 1910.
Marton A. Haynes, ¹ 1881-82.	Henry E. Conant, ¹ (died in office)
John C. Lineham, ¹ 1883-84.	1911.
Marcus M. Collis, ¹ 1885.	William A. Beckford, ¹ 1911.
George Farr, ¹ 1886.	George K. Stratton, Bradford, 1912.
Otis C. Wyatt, ¹ 1887.	David R. Roys, ³ Claremont, 1913.
A. B. Thompson, ¹ 1888.	O. B. Douglas, ¹ 1914.
James F. Grimes, ¹ 1889.	M. B. Plummer, ¹ 1915.
Thomas Cogswell, ¹ 1890.	Reuben T. Leavitt, ¹ 1916.
Everett B. Huse, ¹ 1891.	Charles W. Hobbs, ¹ 1917.
Daniel Hall, ¹ 1892.	Eugene Wason, ¹ 1918.
Frank G. Noyes, ¹ 1893.	Frank W. Wilson, Manchester, 1919.
David R. Pierce, ¹ 1894.	James H. Hunt, ¹ 1920.
Charles E. Buzzell, ¹ 1895.	Arthur Thompson, Warner, 1921.
Lewis W. Aldrich, ¹ 1896.	J. N. Patterson, ¹ 1922.
James Minot, ¹ 1897.	J. C. Lewis, Milford, 1923.
A. S. Twitchell, ¹ 1898.	William Blair, Gorham, 1924.
Horace L. Worcester, Rochester, 1899.	J. R. Squires, Haverhill, 1925.
D. E. Proctor, ¹ 1900.	

Comrade Willis, national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

George Bowers, ¹ junior vice commander in chief-----	1880
John C. Lineham, ¹ junior vice commander in chief-----	1887

NEW JERSEY (8)

[Organized December 10, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1925, 798. Posts, 53]

Department commander-----	Joseph A. Goodrich ³ ---	Jersey City.
Senior vice department commander---	Augustus Van Gieson ³ ---	Paterson.
Junior vice department commander---	Johnston Riley ³ -----	Chews Landing.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Walter Tully ³ -----	Belmar.

REPRESENTATIVES

G. Dwight Stone,³ Elizabeth.
H. Craig Smith,³ Plainfield.
Abram Ball, South Orange.
James H. Riker,³ Newark.
A. C. Gile, Cape May.
William F. Jacobus, Newark.
Charles Schinkel,³ Brooklyn, N. Y.
William H. Post,³ Jersey City.
Spencer Smith,³ Paterson.

ALTERNATES

Johnathan Holden, Trenton.
William H. McCoy, Trenton.
Steven D. Wilcox,³ Kearney.
Genest M. Ottington,³ Westwood.
William Thorne,³ Red Bank.
Benjamin Bennett,³ Long Branch.
Charles King, Jersey City.
Charles Jones, Mount Holly.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. Jardine, ¹ 1868.	E. W. Davis, ¹ 1876.
William Ward, ¹ 1869-70.	John Muller, ¹ 1877-78.
Richard H. Lee, ¹ 1871-72.	Samuel Huffy, ¹ 1879.
John R. Goble, ¹ 1873.	George W. Gile, ¹ 1880.
Chas. Burrows, Rutherford, 1874-75.	Charles H. Houghton, ¹ 1881.

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

NEW JERSEY—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

E. L. Campbell,¹ 1882.
 George Fielder,¹ 1883.
 Henry M. Nevius,¹ 1884–85.
 Frank O. Cole, Jersey City,³ 1886.
 J. L. Wheeler,¹ 1887.
 E. Burt Grubb,¹ 1888.
 W. E. B. Miller,¹ 1889.
 A. M. Matthews,¹ 1890.
 James R. Mullikin,¹ 1891.
 R. A. Donnelly,¹ 1892.
 H. L. Martshorn,¹ 1893.
 John Shields,¹ 1894.
 Henry S. White,¹ 1895.
 Ernest C. Stahl,¹ 1896.
 Emanuel Sands,¹ 1897.
 Samuel G. Hayter,¹ 1897.
 William C. Smith, Plainfield, 1898.
 George Barrett, Glassboro, 1899.
 E. V. Richards,¹ 1900.
 J. Lawrence,¹ 1901.
 Enos F. Hann, Atlantic City, 1902.
 Stephen M. Long,¹ 1903.
 James M. Atwood,¹ 1904.

Charles Curie,¹ 1905.
 Alfred Atkins,¹ 1906.
 Arthur W. Tench, Maplewood, 1907.
 John Foran,¹ 1908.
 James F. Connelly,¹ 1909.
 James Inglis, jr.,¹ 1910.
 Adrian S. Appleget, Trenton, 1911.
 Terrance J. McDonald,¹ 1912.
 John W. Bodine,¹ 1913.
 Forman J. Reynolds,¹ 1914.
 Samuel G. Garretson, Perth Amboy, 1914.
 William F. Washington,¹ 1915.
 William O. Allen, Newark,³ 1916.
 Walter S. Tully, Hillside,³ 1917.
 George E. Boyd, Jersey City, 1918.
 A. J. Washburn (died in office), 1919.
 Frank Briden, sr., Bermar, 1919.
 John T. McNeil, Kearney, 1920.
 Isaac Cole, Maplewood,³ 1921.
 James A. Rikeman,¹ 1922.
 P. J. Lydecker, Paterson,³ 1923–24.
 Lenord L. Roray, Glassboro,³ 1925.

Comrade Tully, national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Henry M. Nevius,¹ past commander in chief, Red Bank.
 Charles Burrows, past senior vice commander in chief, Red Bank.
 John F. Lovett,¹ junior vice commander in chief, Red Bank.
 Frank O. Cole,³ past adjutant general, Rutherford.
 Comrade Lee Goss, past national patriotic instructor, died November 20, 1925.

NEW MEXICO (32)

[Organized July 14, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1925, 40. Posts, 3]

Department commander-----	John R. McFie ³ -----	Gallup.
Senior vice department commander---	Charles St. Vrein-----	Albuquerque.
Junior vice department commander---	A. Harsch-----	Albuquerque.
Assistant adjutant general-----	B. A. Jones ³ -----	Albuquerque.

REPRESENTATIVES

John R. McFie,³ Gallup.
 M. C. Pickens, Farmington.
 Charles St. Vrein, Albuquerque.
 B. A. Jones,³ Albuquerque.
 Z. H. Bliss, Albuquerque.

ALTERNATES

E. S. Stoner, Albuquerque.
 A. Harsch, Albuquerque.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry M. Atkins,¹ 1883.
 Edward W. Wyncoop,¹ 1884.
 J. J. Fitzgerald (transferred to Tennessee), 1885.
 E. S. Stover, Albuquerque, 1886.
 John Y. Hewitt, White Oaks, 1887.
 Francis Downs,¹ 1888.
 John H. Mills,¹ 1889.
 Lee H. Rudisille,¹ 1890.

A. M. Whitcomb,¹ 1890.
 Albert J. Fountain,¹ 1891.
 S. W. Dorsey,¹ 1892.
 W. H. Whiteman,¹ 1893.
 George W. Knaebel,² 1894.
 Thomas W. Collier,¹ 1895.
 John C. Bromagen,¹ 1896.
 Francis Downs,¹ 1897–98.
 Leverett Clark,¹ 1898.

¹ Deceased.

² Not now a member of the order.

³ Present.

NEW MEXICO—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

George Knabel,¹ 1899.
 John R. McFie, Gallup, 1900–01.
 John W. Edwards, National Soldiers' Home, California, 1902–3.
 Theodore W. Heman,¹ 1904.
 Jacob Weltmer,¹ 1905.
 W. B. Brunton,¹ 1906.
 W. W. McDonald,¹ San Bernardino, Calif., 1907.
 John P. Victory,¹ 1908.
 John W. Long,¹ 1909.
 H. B. Steward, Soldiers' Home, California, 1910.
 A. D. Higgins,¹ 1911.
 J. G. Caldwell,¹ 1912.

D. M. Sutherland, Alamogordo, 1913.
 John A. Ross,¹ 1914.
 Z. H. Bliss, Albuquerque, 1915.
 F. E. Olney,¹ 1916.
 Jefferson Reynolds,¹ 1917.
 John W. Terry, 1918.
 O. L. Gregory,¹ 1919.
 William M. Berger,¹ 1920.
 John Shank,¹ 1921.
 John Greenwald,¹ 1922.
 John C. Hull, Santa Fe, 1922.
 B. A. Jones, Albuquerque, 1923.
 Z. H. Bliss, Albuquerque, 1924.
 M. C. Pickens, Farmington, 1925.

Comrade Bliss, national council of administration

NEW YORK (5)

[Organized April 3, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1925, 4,315. Posts, 346]

Department commander-----	Dr. John Van Duyn ³ —	Syracuse.
Senior vice department commander--	Thomas H. Stritch ³ --	Brooklyn.
Junior vice department commander--	Robert S. Rimington--	Saratoga Springs.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Alfred E. Stacey ³ ----	Elbridge.

REPRESENTATIVES

Martin V. Stone³ (at large), Jamestown.
 Charles T. Peck,³ Rochester.
 John T. Roberson, Geneva.
 Webster Young,³ Rochester.
 Henry Lilly,³ New York City.
 Richard M. Barber,³ Albany.
 Wallace Riley,³ Lockport.
 Louis H. LaVallee,³ Delmar.
 Warren W. Oxx,³ Hornell.
 Albert L. Morgan,³ Dexter.
 William Busch,³ Jamaica.
 A. H. Tompkins, Yonkers.
 Joseph H. Benzino,³ Buffalo.
 Fred A. Mathews,³ Horseheads.
 Ira D. Rowley,³ Silver Creek.
 Theodore Cocheu,³ Brooklyn.
 Edward W. Harbison, Schenectady.
 George B. Fairhead, Utica.
 P. F. Cole,³ Afton.
 Thomas A. Burchill,³ Rochester.
 W. E. Widrick,³ Syracuse.
 George H. Miller,³ New Rochelle.
 George H. Warner,³ Canastota.
 Alex Steszewski, Brooklyn.
 Morris Hanff,³ New York.
 James L. Lyons,³ New York.
 Thomas Barker,³ Bellmore.
 John Ward, Stillwater.
 William Patton Griffith,³ Brooklyn.

ALTERNATES

John B. Trainer (at large), New York.
 Sidney J. Westfall, Auburn.
 Marcus Craham, Fulton.
 John C. Mullins, Brooklyn.
 William W. Church,³ Central Square.
 W. H. Halliday, Oswego.
 Frank P. Frost, Elmira.
 J. D. Smith,³ Rochester.
 E. W. Castell, Brooklyn.
 Edward C. Fay, Syracuse.
 William J. Courtney, Brooklyn.
 A. P. Austin, North Tonawanda.
 John W. Vrooman, Herkimer.
 Robert Barr, Niagara Falls.
 Nelson E. Rowe, Binghamton.
 H. W. Valentine,³ Brooklyn.
 Thomas M. Valteau, Brooklyn.
 O. C. White, Auburn.
 Chauncey Quintard, New York.
 Robert Simpson, jr., Fulton.
 M. H. Richardson,³ Woodhaven.
 E. H. Baker, Marietta.
 William M. Chatham,³ Albany.
 Adolph Pincus, New York.
 C. H. McDowell, New Hartford.
 W. Lafayette Ames, Utica.
 Pierre Zeno, Brooklyn.
 Christopher A. Farrell, New York.
 J. R. Howell, Amsterdam.
 O. O. Seeger, Cooperstown.

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

NEW YORK—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES—continued

C. J. Kellogg,³ Schenectady.
 John M. Nagel, New York.
 George R. Brown,³ Brooklyn.
 George C. Eldridge,³ Dumont.
 Andrew J. Smith,³ Mount Vernon.
 Henry F. Jacoby,³ New York.
 John H. Thomas,³ Brooklyn.
 George W. Flynn, Buffalo.
 Andrew J. Guffen,³ Voorheesville.
 George Austin, Hammondsport.
 William D. C. Holmes,³ Aqueduct.
 H. Stewart Warner,³ Skaneateles.
 Michael B. Wood,³ New York.
 D. William Lawrence, Stuyvesant.
 R. W. Carman, Flushing.

ALTERNATES—continued

Charles Newell, Jordan.
 H. C. Blackmar, Brooklyn.
 E. M. Griffith, New York.
 Emery Steel, Lowville.
 W. A. Howell,³ Olean.
 William Murrell,³ Bath.
 Charles W. McKie, New York.
 Louis S. Sachs, Rochester.
 Samuel Irvine, Jamaica.
 John T. Brennan, Watertown.
 E. J. Hoffman,³ Richmond Hill.
 William S. Leete, Oneida.
 William H. Root, Port Huron.
 John W. Distin, Fulton.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean,¹ 1866–67.
 Daniel E. Sickles,¹ 1868–69.
 Edwin B. Lansin,¹ 1869.
 John C. Robinson,¹ 1870.
 Henry A. Barnum,¹ 1871–72.
 Stephen P. Corliss,¹ 1873–74.
 Edward Jardine,¹ 1874.
 John Palmer,¹ 1875.
 James Tanner,³ Washington, D. C.,
 1876–77.
 William F. Rogers,¹ 1878.
 James McQuade,¹ 1879.
 L. Coe Young,¹ 1880.
 Abram Merritt,¹ 1881.
 James S. Frazier,¹ 1882.
 John A. Reynolds,¹ 1883.
 Ira M. Hedges,¹ 1884.
 H. Clay Hall,¹ 1885.
 Joseph I. Sayles,¹ 1886.
 George H. Treadwell,¹ 1887.
 N. Martin Curtis,¹ 1888.
 Harrison Clark,¹ 1889.
 Floyd Clarkson,¹ 1890.
 Charles H. Freeman,¹ 1891.
 Theodore L. Poole,¹ 1892.
 Joseph P. Cleary,¹ 1893.
 John C. Shotts,¹ 1894.
 Edward J. Atkinson,¹ 1895.
 James S. Graham, Rochester, 1896.
 Albert D. Shaw,¹ 1897.
 Anson S. Wood,¹ 1898.
 Joseph W. Kay, Brooklyn, 1899.
 W. L. Palmer,¹ 1899.
 N. P. Pond,¹ 1900.
 Charles A. Orr,¹ 1901.

Allan C. Bakewell,¹ 1902.
 John S. Koster,¹ 1903.
 Henry N. Burhans,¹ 1904.
 James M. Snyder,¹ 1905.
 John S. Maxwell,³ Amsterdam, 1906.
 Harlan J. Swift,¹ 1907.
 William H. Daniels,¹ 1908.
 M. J. Cummings,¹ 1909.
 DeWitt C. Hurd,¹ 1910.
 George B. Loud,¹ 1911.
 Oscar Smith,³ Albany, 1912.
 Samuel C. Pierce,³ Rochester, 1913.
 James D. Bell,¹ 1914.
 Zan L. Tidball,¹ 1915.
 Solomon W. Russell,¹ 1916.
 William F. Kirchner,¹ 1917.
 Lewis S. Pilcher,³ Brooklyn, 1918.
 Joseph E. Ewell,¹ 1919.
 Alfred E. Stacey,³ Elbridge, 1920.
 Isadore Isaacs,¹ 1921.
 Calvin A. Brainard,³ Buffalo, 1922.
 Thos. J. McConekey,¹ 1923.
 Henry L. Keene, Elmira, 1924.
 De Alva S. Alexander¹ (transferred
 from Potomac), 1884.
 W. L. Palmer¹ (transferred from
 South Dakota), 1899.
 David R. Wilson, New York City
 (transferred from Virginia and
 North Carolina).
 A. E. Sholes, Flushing (transferred
 from Georgia).
 Robert W. Hill,³ Oklahoma.
 Duncan J. McMillan,³ New York, 1925.

Comrade Parsons, national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

James Tanner,³ past commander in chief, Washington, D. C.----- 1905
 Lewis S. Pilcher,³ past commander in chief, Brooklyn, N. Y.----- 1921

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

NORTH DAKOTA (43)

[Organized April 23, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1925, 97. Posts, 11]

Department commander-----	John H. Seright-----	Denbigh.
Senior vice department commander---	James Michelson-----	Minnewaukan.
Junior vice department commander---	C. P. Crary-----	Ellendale.
Assistant adjutant general-----	D. G. Duell ³ -----	Devils Lake.

REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
C. H. Sikes. ³ Moorehead, Minn. (at large).	J. S. Werbel, Fargo, N. Dak.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Harrison Allen, ¹ 1889.	Sylvester J. Hill, ¹ 1907.
George B. Winship, San Diego, Calif., 1890.	J. L. Richmond, Minnewaukan, 1908.
William A. Bentley, ¹ 1891.	Halsey Curry, ¹ 1909.
Samuel G. Roberts, El Cajon, Calif., 1892.	Albert Roberts, ³ Devils Lake, 1910.
John D. Black, ¹ 1893.	James H. Mathews, ¹ 1911.
James M. O'Neale, ¹ 1894.	George W. Kurtz, ¹ 1912.
A. P. Rounsville, ³ Lemon City, Fla.	G. B. Vallandigham, ¹ 1913.
William H. Brown, ¹ 1896.	Alexander Hay, Wahpeton, 1914.
Edward C. Gearey, ¹ 1897.	John L. Smith, ¹ 1915.
Edwin Southard, ¹ 1898.	Henry Beal, Valley City, 1916.
William Ackerman, ¹ 1899.	Christian Schmidt, San Diego, Calif., 1917.
Freeman Orcutt, ¹ 1900.	J. W. Carroll, Lisbon, 1918.
D. G. Duell, ³ Devils Lake, 1901.	James McCormick, ³ Devils Lake, 1919.
John C. Gipson (transferred to Oklahoma), 1902.	David B. McClain, ¹ 1920.
H. J. Rowe, ³ Minneapolis, Minn., 1903.	Orange A. Potter, ¹ 1920.
D. F. Siegfried, ¹ 1904.	Charles P. Stearns, Fargo, 1921.
Joseph Hare, ¹ 1905.	Smith Stimmel, Fargo, 1922.
B. F. Bigelow, ¹ 1906.	H. F. Dinsmore, ³ Ellendale, 1923.
	T. C. Conklin, Minot, 1924.
	George Hawks, Fargo 1925.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICER

Smith Stimmel,³ national patriotic instructor----- Now serving.
Comrade Beal, national council of administration

OHIO (4)

[Organized January 30, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1925, 4,637. Posts, 293]

Department commander-----	Levi H. Derby ³ -----	Norwalk.
Senior vice department commander---	John McClay ³ -----	Columbus.
Junior vice department commander---	J. R. Oldfield ³ -----	Mountpelier.
Assistant adjutant general-----	O. D. Cotton ³ -----	Columbus.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
Thomas H. Corcoran, ³ Cincinnati.	C. E. Baker, ³ Madisonville.
Joseph D. Potter, ³ Cincinnati.	E. S. Wilson, ³ Sycamore.
Clarence Kennedy, Hamilton.	Z. L. Enfield, Lebanon.
Cyrus L. Shumard, ³ Blanchester.	A. T. Boswell, Aberdeen.
William F. Brandt, ³ Dayton.	C. H. Scott, Dayton.
David M. Robbins, ³ South Vienna.	Junius F. Whiting, Springfield.
George Perkins, ³ Chillicothe.	Charles W. Embich, Lancaster.
George Brandon, South Webster.	William Clouse, ³ Ironton.
Isaac Newton, ³ Athens.	A. J. Learned, Millfield.
Robert Parks, ³ Sharon.	Isaac C. Harris, Zanesville.

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

OHIO—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES—continued

M. C. Smith,³ Collins.
 Marion Hopkins,³ Marysville.
 Charles H. McDargh,³ Urbana.
 W. D. Heffner,³ Lima.
 Henry Bayes,³ Bryan.
 John H. King,³ Findlay.
 H. L. Hammond, Elliston.
 George B. Christian, Marion.
 Emery D. Potter,³ Toledo.
 S. F. Bell,³ Mansfield.
 H. D. Burch,³ Hebron.
 D. A. Hollingsworth,³ Cadiz.
 C. C. Mulford, Salem.
 Garrison Coale,³ Youngstown.
 S. A. Williams,³ Wellington.
 L. N. Conrade,³ Columbus.
 A. D. Miller,³ Akron.
 W. A. Talbott,³ Lakewood.
 F. M. Blanchard,³ Orwell.

ALTERNATES—continued

Charles N. Cooper,³ Soldiers and Sailors Home.
 J. L. Richey, Marysville.
 Byron W. Joslin, Sidney.
 William Kline, Gilboa.
 William Hopkins,³ Edgerton.
 Isaac Walborn,³ Fremont.
 A. D. Shirler, Tiffin.
 Eli Bourdo,³ Toledo.
 George D. Neal,³ Mount Vernon.
 John R. Ellis,³ Newark.
 D. I. Foraker,³ Cambridge.
 A. G. Yingst,³ Toronto.
 M. M. Southworth,³ Alliance.
 A. R. Boffenmyer, Wooster.
 Joseph Foark,³ Hilliards.
 States A. McCoy,³ Akron.
 Capt. R. J. Fanning, Cleveland.
 A. Dusenberry, Ashtabula.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts,¹ 1866.
 Thomas L. Young,¹ 1867.
 J. W. Keifer, Springfield, 1868–1870.
 William C. Bunts,¹ 1871–72.
 G. M. Barber,¹ 1873–74.
 Alvin C. Voris,¹ 1875.
 William Earnshaw,¹ 1876–77.
 Nathan L. Guthrie,¹ 1878.
 James H. Seymour,¹ 1879.
 James H. Steadman,¹ 1879.
 David W. Thomas,¹ 1880.
 John S. Kountz,¹ 1881.
 Charles T. Clark,¹ 1882–83.
 H. P. Lloyd,¹ 1884.
 R. B. Brown,¹ 1885.
 Arthur L. Conger,¹ 1886.
 D. C. Putnam,¹ 1887.
 Joseph W. O'Neal,¹ 1888.
 S. H. Hurst,¹ 1889.
 P. H. Dowling,¹ 1890.
 A. M. Warner, Cincinnati, 1891.
 Isaac F. Mack,¹ 1892.
 L. H. Williams,¹ 1893.
 E. E. Nutt,¹ 1894.
 Charles Townsend,¹ 1895.
 E. L. Lybarger,¹ 1896.
 Henry Kissinger,¹ 1897.
 David F. Pugh,³ Columbus, 1898.
 Thomas R. Shinn, Ashland, 1899.
 Elias R. Monfort,¹ 1900.

Emmett F. Taggart,³ Akron, 1901.
 Walton Weber,¹ Columbus, 1902.
 Arthur C. Yengling, Salem, 1903.
 B. M. Moulton,¹ 1904.
 Amos Huffman,¹ 1905.
 George A. Harmon,¹ 1906.
 W. S. Rogers,¹ 1907.
 J. H. Sharer,¹ (died in office), 1907.
 George Hall, Lima, 1908.
 Chas. H. Newton,³ Marietta, 1909.
 Henry A. Axline,¹ 1910.
 J. F. Johnston,¹ 1911.
 Chas. W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, 1912.
 W. R. Warnock,¹ 1913.
 J. Kent Hamilton,¹ 1914.
 Seeley P. Mount,¹ 1915.
 W. H. Surles,¹ 1916.
 W. A. Pittenger,¹ 1917.
 B. M. Hall,¹ 1918.
 H. C. Martindale, Cleveland, 1919.
 John M. Adams,¹ 1920.
 M. J. Sloan,³ Warren, 1921.
 G. M. Saltzgaber, Van Wert, 1922.
 Daniel S. Wilder, Columbus, 1923.
 Edmund Burdsall,³ Batavia, 1924.
 Joseph O. Gregg (transferred from Montana), 1923.
 Frank M. Sterrett,¹ (transferred from Missouri), 1903.
 John Ambler,³ Youngstown, 1925.

Comrade McTaggart, national council of administration

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

OHIO—Continued

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

J. Warren Keifer, ¹ Springfield	1871-72
William Earnshaw, ¹ National Military Home	1879
Charles L. Young, ¹ Toledo	1879
John S. Kountz, ¹ Toledo	1884
Moses H. Neil, ¹ Columbus	1888
W. C. Johnson, ¹ Cincinnati	1889
Robert B. Brown, ¹ Zanesville	1906
J. Kent Hamilton, ¹ Columbus	1908
Daniel M. Hall, ¹ Columbus	1919

Comrade William S. Matthews, assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general, department of Ohio, born January 1, 1847, died in office February 7, 1926.

OKLAHOMA (44)

[Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1925, 402. Posts, 34]

Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie. May 19-22, 1908.

Department commander	N. D. McGinley ³	Guthrie.
Senior vice department commander	J. A. Oliphant ³	Tulsa.
Junior vice department commander	D. C. Bothell ³	El Reno.
Assistant adjutant general	H. V. Smith ³	Guthrie.

REPRESENTATIVES

Job Ingram,³ Kingfisher.
G. A. Galloway,³ Stroud.
J. A. Harris,³ Oklahoma City.
I. W. Scheirck,³ Enid.
D. C. Bothell,³ El Reno.

ALTERNATES

H. Emerson,³ Stillwater.
H. C. Coffin,³ Elgin.
P. A. Smith,³ Enid.
Elisha Young,³ Tonkawa.
W. O. Mitchell,³ Oklahoma City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

G. M. Barnes, ¹ 1890.	William Higgins, ¹ 1909.
G. M. Coulton, ¹ 1891.	B. N. Turks, ¹ 1910.
D. F. Wyatt, ¹ 1892.	Wilberforce Jones, ¹ 1911.
T. H. Soward, ¹ 1893.	W. R. Kelley, ¹ 1912.
J. P. Cummings, ¹ 1894.	L. C. Coffin, ³ Elgin, 1913.
H. G. Trosper, ³ 1895.	George W. Billings, ¹ 1914.
W. H. Cater, ¹ 1896.	George W. Fletcher, ¹ 1914.
C. R. Young, ¹ 1897.	A. A. Beasler, ¹ 1915.
D. M. Munger, ¹ 1898.	Albert Reeves, ¹ 1916.
J. J. S. Hasler, ¹ 1899.	J. C. White, ³ Oklahoma City, 1917.
I. W. Rush, ¹ 1899.	F. E. Hills, ³ Enid, 1918.
M. L. Mock, ¹ 1900.	F. M. Cline, Woodward, 1919.
James E. Burnes, ¹ 1901.	W. S. Tilton (transferred to California), 1920.
Wesley Taylor, ¹ 1902.	Jacob Amberg, Guthrie, 1921.
Cyrus P. Green, ³ Enid, 1903.	W. F. Clark, ¹ 1922.
S. P. Strahan, ¹ 1904.	J. J. Lyons, Muskogee, 1923.
G. M. Parks, ¹ 1905.	J. W. Garner, ³ Perkins, 1924.
Peter A. Becker, Enid, 1906.	J. W. Norton, ¹ Oklahoma (died in office), 1925.
W. H. Hornaday (transferred to California), 1907.	J. H. Luman, Bristow, 1925-26.
H. Veatch, ¹ 1908.	

Comrade Hines, national council of administration

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

¹¹ Died in office while assistant adjutant general.

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON (26)

[Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1925, 822. Posts, 37]

Department commander-----	William Clemmens ³ -----	Newberg.
Senior vice department commander--	S. B. Cathcart ³ -----	Mansfield.
Junior vice department commander---	L. N. Guy ³ -----	Portland.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. S. Baker ³ -----	Portland.

REPRESENTATIVES

D. W. Rapalee,³ Portland.
H. S. Lilligar, Portland.
D. B. Hanson,³ Portland.
J. L. Crow,³ Hillsboro.
Charles True,³ Newberg.
J. E. Noll,³ McMinnville.
Louis Huff,³ Roseburg.
R. C. Markee, Portland.
George Ellis,³ Portland.
Samuel Paisley,³ Portland.
George Knieriem,³ Portland.

ALTERNATES

L. C. Washburn, McMinnville.
Henry Sheard, McMinnville.
Charles Dickson, Eugene.
Louis Guy,³ Roseburg.
Johnathan Johnson,³ Hood River.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce,¹ 1882.
C. E. Caukin,¹ 1883.
F. J. Babcock,¹ 1884.
F. H. Lamb,¹ 1885-86.
M. L. Omstead,¹ 1887.
A. E. Bothwick,¹ 1888.
E. B. McElroy,¹ 1889.
James A. Varney,¹ 1890.
Owen Summers,¹ 1891.
H. H. Northup, 599 E. Street, Portland,
1892.
J. C. Cooper, McMinnville. 1893.
S. B. Ormsby,¹ 1894.
E. W. Allen,¹ 1895.
D. C. Sherman,¹ 1896.
Frank Reisner,¹ 1897.
C. P. Holloway, Portland, 1898.
H. V. Gates, Hillsboro, 1899.
A. J. Goodbrod,¹ 1900.
J. A. Sladen,¹ 1901.
M. L. Pratt,¹ 1902.
David H. Turner,¹ 1903.
B. F. Pike,¹ 1904.
T. E. Hills, Portland. 1905.
Homer Sutcliffe,¹ 1906.

S. F. Blythe, Hood River, Oreg., 1907.
J. P. Apperson,¹ 1908.
James P. Shaw, Courthouse, Portland,
1909.
W. J. R. Beach, Forest Grove, Oreg.,
1910.
Newton Clark,¹ 1911.
Thomas B. McDevitt, Portland, 1912.
S. W. Taylor, Soldiers Home, Rose-
burg. 1913.
H. S. Fargo,¹ 1914.
George A. Harding,¹ 1915.
Joseph E. Hall, Courthouse, Portland,
1916.
J. G. Chambers, Portland, 1917.
Tillman H. Stevens, Portland, 1918.
Daniel Webster,¹ 1919.
J. T. Butler, Gladstone, 1920.
C. A. Williams,¹ 1921.
D. L. McKay,³ Portland, 1922.
George R. Castner,³ Hood River, 1923
Henry E. Dosch,¹ 1924.
J. L. Crow,³ Hillsboro, 1924.
P. N. Lathrop,³ Portland, 1925.

George W. Riddle, commandant Soldiers' Home, Roseburg, Oreg.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

J. G. Chambers, senior vice commander in chief, Portland----- 1918
Joseph E. Hall, national surgeon general, Portland----- 1924

Comrade McKay, national council of administration

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

[Organized January 16, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1925, 4,673. Posts, 301]

Department commander-----	Samuel P. Town ³ -----	Philadelphia.
Senior vice department commander---	J. H. Pershing, D. D-----	Greensburg.
Junior vice department commander---	M. P. Cashner-----	Bethlehem.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Henry C. Deitz ³ -----	Philadelphia.

REPRESENTATIVES

Phil. Engelskirger³ (at large), Frank-
lin.
J. M. Marshall,³ Indiana.
John L. Ott,³ Philadelphia.
A. T. Anderson,³ Washington.
Jacob Barron,³ Philadelphia.
Winslow Fries,³ Philadelphia.
Martin R. Good,³ Lancaster.
Henry Whittaker, Lancaster.
H. H. Bengough, Pittsburgh.
John R. Steele, Oil City.
John B. Patrick,³ Harrisburg.
A. D. Hutchingson,³ Allentown.
S. C. Coleman,³ Philadelphia.
John C. Dunkle,³ Huntington.
W. H. Carter,³ Philadelphia.
H. V. Carls,³ Altoona.
George Kane,³ Pittsburgh.
T. C. Watson,³ Blairsville.
Nathan Tanner,³ Summit Hill.
Levi C. Brinton,³ New Castle.
W. S. Hanna,³ Springdale.
Joseph C. Doyle,³ Philadelphia.
Louis F. Barger,³ Philadelphia.
Joseph Painter,³ Pittsburgh.
R. H. Spohn,³ Pittsburgh.
R. H. Holgate, Factoryville.
J. W. Allen, Towansa.
Wade J. Day,³ Washington.
James A. Loudon,³ Altoona.
D. S. Beemer,³ Scranton.
William Kuehn,³ Minersville.
Louis B. Lomax,³ Chester.
S. M. Evans,³ Pittsburgh.
H. C. Boggs,³ Evans City.
R. A. Burke,³ Pittsburgh.
William A. McKay,³ Cooperstown.
H. E. Paine,³ Scranton.
J. N. Hinkson,³ Media.
M. H. Lowe,³ Williamsport.
William G. Moffitt,³ Williamsport.
C. E. Collier, Reading.
J. P. Sankey,³ Carnegie.
Jerry Fisher,³ Philadelphia.
George W. Boyer,³ St. Marys.
L. Palmer,³ Philadelphia.
A. M. Strpw, Fort Trevorton.

ALTERNATES

W. L. Saylor, Annville.
Madison G. Fritz, Greenville.
D. M. Lotz, Hollidaysburg.
William E. Page, Williamsport.
George I. Rundolph,³ Pittsburgh.
John Mason, Hazleton.
R. A. Lose, Lewistown.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner,¹ 1866-67.
A. L. Pearson,¹ 1868.
O. C. Bosbyshell,¹ 1869.
Howard J. Reeder,¹ 1870-71.

Frank Reeder,¹ 1872.
Robert B. Beath,¹ 1873.
A. Wilson Norris,¹ 1874.
W. W. Tyson,¹ 1875.

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

PENNSYLVANIA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

James W. Latta, ¹ 1876.	James F. Morrison, ¹ 1899.
Samuel I. Givin, ¹ 1877.	Charles Miller, Franklin, 1900.
Charles T. Hull, ¹ 1878.	Levi G. McCauley, ¹ 1901.
George L. Brown, ¹ 1879.	R. P. Scott, ¹ 1902.
Chill W. Hazard, ¹ 1880.	Edwin Walton, ¹ 1903.
John Taylor, ¹ 1881.	John McNevin, ¹ 1904.
John M. Vanderslice, ¹ 1882.	J. Andrew Wilt, ¹ 1905.
E. S. Osborne, ¹ 1883.	M. A. Gherst, ¹ 1906.
Frederick H. Dyer, ¹ 1884.	William T. Powell, Pittsburgh, 1907.
F. Austin Curtin, ¹ 1885.	P. De Lacy, ¹ 1908.
J. P. S. Gobin, ¹ 1886.	Thad M. Mahon, ¹ 1909.
Samuel Harper, ¹ 1887.	L. W. Moore, ¹ 1910.
Frank J. Magee, ¹ 1888.	N. P. Kingsley, ¹ 1911.
Thomas J. Stewart, ¹ 1889.	Thomas H. Cale, Erie, 1912.
Joseph F. Denniston, ¹ 1890.	William J. Wells, ¹ 1913.
George G. Boyer, ¹ 1891.	John A. Fairman, ¹ 1914.
John P. Taylor, ¹ 1892.	C. C. Gramlich, ¹ 1915.
Thomas G. Sample, ¹ 1893.	L. E. Arensberg, ³ E. Millsboro, 1916.
William Emsley, ¹ 1894.	Noah Dietrich, Easton, 1917.
H. H. Cummings, ¹ 1895.	J. D. Hicks, ¹ 1918.
Alfred Darte, ¹ 1896.	George W. Rhoads, ¹ 1919.
James E. Porter ¹ (transferred from Virginia and North Carolina), 1895.	C. H. William Rube, ³ Pittsburgh, 1920.
James M. Davis ¹ (transferred from Virginia and North Carolina), 1898.	Charles C. Taylor, ³ Philadelphia, 1921.
William D. Stauffer, ¹ 1897.	W. F. Hambright, ³ Lancaster, 1922.
William J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, 1898.	J. J. Shoemaker, Wyoming, 1923.
	H. H. Spayd, ³ Minersville, 1924.
	A. M. Brekinridge, ³ Oil City, 1925.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Joshua T. Owen, ¹ senior vice commander in chief_____	1868
Louis Wagner, ¹ junior vice commander in chief_____	1870
Louis Wagner, ¹ senior vice commander in chief_____	1872-73
John F. Hartranft, ¹ commander in chief_____	1875-76
Louis Wagner, ¹ commander in chief_____	1880
Robert B. Beath, ¹ commander in chief_____	1883
A. P. Burchfield, ¹ senior vice commander in chief_____	1894
J. P. S. Gobin, ¹ commander in chief_____	1897
Thomas J. Stewart, ¹ commander in chief_____	1902
William J. Patterson, past commander in chief, Pittsburgh_____	1916
Louis F. Arensberg, ³ commander in chief, East Millsboro_____	1924

Comrade Bengough, national council of administration

POTOMAC (14)

[Organized February 13, 1869. Membership, December 31, 1925, 331. Posts, 7]

Department commander _____	C. V. Petteys, M. D. ³ _____	Washington, D. C.
Senior vice department commander__	George H. Kunsman ³ __	Washington, D. C.
Junior vice department commander__	A. B. Bennett_____	Washington, D. C.
Assistant adjutant general_____	Henry A. Johnson, M. D. ³	Washington, D. C.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
William M. Bobb, ³ Washington.	David Beattie, Washington.
Frederick Shortsleeves, Washington.	John T. Ryan, ³ Washington.
Dr. James McKee, ³ Washington.	John Stewart, Washington.
Nelson J. Booker, Washington.	Robert Harleston, ³ Washington.

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

POTOMAC—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Samuel A. Duncan, ¹ 1869.	Israel W. Stone, ¹ 1901.
Timothy Luby, ¹ 1870-1872.	B. F. Bingham, ¹ 1902.
Frank H. Sprague, ¹ 1873-74.	I. G. Kimball, ¹ 1903.
Benjamin F. Hawkes, ¹ 1876.	Abram Hart, ¹ 1904.
A. H. G. Richardson, ¹ 1877.	A. P. Tasker, Portsmouth, N. H., 1905.
George E. Corson, Chevy Chase, Md., 1878.	B. P. Entrikin, Washington, 1906.
Harrison Dingman, ¹ 1879.	Newton Ferree, Washington, 1907.
Charles C. Royce, ¹ 1880.	John S. Walker, ¹ 1908.
William Gibson, ¹ 1881.	Edwin H. Holbrook, ¹ 1909.
Samuel S. Burdett, ¹ 1882-83.	Henry A. Johnson, ³ Washington, 1910
D. S. Alexander, Buffalo, N. Y., 1884.	George C. Ross, ¹ 1911.
Newton M. Brooks, ¹ 1885.	J. D. Bloodgood, ¹ 1912.
Jerome B. Burke, Chevy Chase, Md., 1886-87.	Thos. H. McKee, ¹ 1913.
Charles P. Lincoln, ¹ 1888.	J. K. Gleason, ¹ 1914.
William S. Odell, ¹ 1889.	L. H. Patterson, ¹ 1915.
M. Emmett Urell, ¹ 1890.	A. H. Huntoon, ¹ 1916.
J. M. Pipes, Flora, Ill., 1891.	A. H. Frear, Washington, 1917.
A. F. Dinsmore, ¹ 1892.	S. G. Mawson, Washington, 1918.
S. E. Faunce, Cleveland, Ohio, 1893.	H. B. Synder, Washington, 1919.
Nathan Bickford, ¹ 1894.	John McElroy, Washington, 1920-21.
Marion T. Anderson, ¹ 1895.	H. L. Deam, ¹ 1922.
John McElroy, ³ Washington, 1896.	John W. Reid, Washington, 1923.
Thos. S. Hopkins, ¹ 1897.	Briscoe Goodhart, Washington, 1924.
Arthur Hendricks, ¹ 1898.	Hosea B. Moulton, ³ Washington, 1925.
Calvin Farnsworth, ¹ 1899.	John L. Clem ³ (transferred), 1896.
George H. Slaybaugh, Washington, 1900.	E. S. Godfrey, Crookstown, N. J. (transferred from Arizona).

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Harrison Dingman, ¹ junior vice commander in chief-----	1879
Samuel S. Burdett, ¹ commander in chief-----	1885
John McElroy, ³ senior vice commander in chief, Washington, D. C-----	1901
Charles C. Royce, ¹ junior vice commander in chief-----	1908
George H. Slaybaugh, senior vice commander in chief, Washington, D. C--	1915
Dr. Henry A. Johnson, ³ junior vice commander in chief, Washington, D. C--	1921
Comrade Middleton, ³ national council of administration	

RHODE ISLAND (11)

[Organized March 24, 1868. Membership. December 31, 1925, 289. Posts, 19]

Department commander-----	Robert M. Pollard ³ -----	Pawtucket.
Senior vice department commander--	Christopher H. Carpenter ³ --	Providence.
Junior vice department commander--	Charles O. Smith-----	Warren.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Fred A. Burt ³ -----	Providence.

REPRESENTATIVES

ALTERNATES

Charles H. Bullock, ³ East Providence.	Elisha R. Watson, Phenix.
William Dunham, ³ Edgewood.	Daniel Holmes, ³ Bristol.
H. H. Valentine, ³ Woonsocket.	Henry W. Pickering, Woonsocket.

¹ Deceased. ³ Present.

RHODE ISLAND—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ambrose E. Burnside,¹ 1868.
 Horatio Rogers,¹ 1869.
 Charles R. Brayton,¹ 1870–71.
 Elisha M. Rhodes,¹ 1872–73.
 Edwin Metcalf,¹ 1874.
 Edwin C. Pomroy,¹ 1875.
 Charles H. Williams,¹ 1876.
 Henry J. Spooner,¹ 1877.
 Fred A. Arnold,¹ 1878.
 Henry R. Barker,¹ 1879.
 Charles C. Gray,¹ 1880.
 William H. P. Steere,¹ 1881.
 Henry F. Jenks,¹ 1882.
 Philip S. Chase,¹ 1883.
 Andrew J. McMahan,¹ 1884.
 Eugene A. Cory,¹ 1885.
 Theodore A. Barton,¹ 1886.
 Benjamin L. Hall, Providence, 1887.
 Gideon Spencer,¹ 1888.
 Alonzo Williams,¹ 1889.
 Benjamin F. Davis,¹ 1890.
 Benjamin H. Child,¹ 1891.
 David S. Ray,¹ 1892.
 George T. Cranston,¹ 1893.
 Charles H. Baker,¹ 1894.
 Daniel R. Ballou,¹ 1895.
 William E. Stone,¹ 1896.
 Livingston Scott,¹ 1897.
 Samuel W. K. Allen,¹ 1898.
 Charles O. Ballou,¹ 1899.

Walter A. Reed,¹ 1900.
 Charles P. Moise,¹ 1901.
 George H. Chanery,¹ 1902.
 James S. Hudson,¹ 1903.
 Joseph Wooley,¹ 1904.
 Ezra K. Parker,¹ 1905.
 George L. Greene,¹ 1906.
 Edward Wilcox,¹ 1907.
 William O. Milne,¹ 1908.
 Francello G. Jillson,¹ 1909.
 Charles H. Ewer,¹ 1910.
 Extra Dixon, Bristol, 1911.
 Thomas M. Holden,¹ 1912.
 George H. Cheek,¹ 1913.
 Gilbert Wilson,¹ 1914.
 Henry J. Pickersgill,¹ 1915.
 Joseph Gough,¹ 1916.
 Augustine A. Mann, Central Falls,
 1917.
 Murdock C. McKenzie,¹ 1918.
 Fred A. Burt,³ Providence, 1919.
 William Massie,¹ 1920.
 Fred S. Oatley,³ Norwood, 1921.
 Samuel A. Wheldon,³ East Providence,
 1922.
 Zophar Shinner,³ Valley Falls, 1923.
 George R. Saunders, Providence, 1924.
 William F. Comrie,³ East Providence,
 1925.

Comrade Whelden,³ national council of administration

SOUTH DAKOTA (29)

[Organized March 20, 1873. Membership, December 31, 1925, 257. Posts, 30]

Department commander-----	R. T. Sedam ³ -----	St. Lawrence.
Senior vice department commander---	H. C. Smith ³ -----	Kimball.
Junior vice department commander--	G. W. Rudd-----	Miller.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. C. McCool ³ -----	Miller.

REPRESENTATIVES

H. C. Andrus, Aberdeen.
 Leroy Kinney, Yankton.
 H. A. Vedder,³ Hot Springs.
 Charles Truax, Huron.

ALTERNATES

John W. Conquest, Rapid City.
 L. Voorhis,³ Redfield.
 Fletcher E. Boyd, South Dakota.
 George W. Pierce, Onida.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thoas. S. Free,¹ 1883–84.
 W. V. Lucas¹ (transferred to Cali-
 fornia), 1885–86.
 Harrison Allen¹ (transferred to North
 Dakota), 1887.
 S. F. Hammond¹ (transferred to Min-
 nesota), 1888.
 George A. Silsby,¹ 1889.

E. T. Langley (transferred to Iowa),
 1890.
 C. S. Palmer (transferred to Ver-
 mont), 1891.
 J. B. Hoit¹ (transferred to Minne-
 sota), 1892.
 N. C. Nash,¹ 1893.
 George W. Carpenter,¹ 1894.

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

S. R. Drake, ¹ 1895.	Alex S. Stewart, ¹ 1909.
John Ackley ¹ (died in office), 1896.	N. H. Kingman, Selby, 1910.
J. B. Baker, Hermosa, 1896.	Thomas H. Brown, ¹ 1911.
C. B. Clark, ¹ 1897.	O. S. Gifford ¹ (died in office), 1912.
E. P. Farr, ¹ 1898.	N. L. Ferry, Vermilion, 1912.
W. L. Palmer ¹ (transferred to California), 1899.	John L. Jolley, Vermilion, 1913.
Philip Lawrence (transferred to California), 1900.	C. A. B. Fox, ¹ 1914.
George W. Snow, ³ Springfield, 1901.	C. S. Blodgett, ¹ 1915.
Thos. E. Blanchard (transferred to California), 1902.	Walter H. Carr, ¹ 1916.
Thomas Reed, ¹ 1903.	J. C. Luce, ¹ 1917.
H. P. Packard, ¹ 1904.	James S. Sebree, Pierre, 1918.
J. B. Wolgemuth ¹ (transferred to Montana), 1905.	A. L. Van Osdel, Yankton, 1919.
N. I. Lowthian, ¹ 1906.	E. L. Hurlburt, ³ Rapid City, 1920.
T. C. DeJean, ¹ 1907.	John E. Davis, ³ Lennox, 1921.
Warren Osborn, ³ Yankton, 1908.	A. L. Van Osdel, Yankton, 1922.
	H. P. Carson, ³ Huron, 1923.
	H. P. Smith, ³ Madison, 1924.
	W. H. Connell, ³ Brookings, 1925.

Comrade Osborn,³ national council of administration

TENNESSEE (34)

[Organized February 26, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1925, 136. Posts, 12]

Department commander-----	John Gray-----	Greeneville.
Senior vice department commander----	J. G. Hoback-----	Athens.
Junior vice department commander----	David McColister-----	Coltawau.
Assistant adjutant general-----	B. F. Bashor-----	Knoxville.

REPRESENTATIVES

P. M. Keeble,³ Knoxville.
James Turner,³ Chattanooga.

ALTERNATES

W. T. Pritchett, Knoxville.
B. J. Meadows, Knoxville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward S. Jones, ¹ 1884-85.	John T. Wilder, ¹ 1906.
J. J. Fitzgerald (transferred from New Mexico), 1885.	Will A. McTeer, ¹ 1907.
E. E. Winters, ¹ 1886.	S. W. Tindell, Johnson City, 1908.
William J. Ramage, ¹ 1887.	D. Minor Stewart, ¹ 1909.
Wm. Rule, Knoxville, 1888.	Ignaz Fanz, Knoxville, 1910.
A. H. Pettibone, ¹ 1889.	C. H. Flournoy, ¹ 1911.
Chas. F. Muller, ¹ 1890.	A. M. Gamble, ¹ 1912.
A. J. Gahagan, ³ Chattanooga, 1891.	W. D. Atchley, ¹ 1913.
H. C. Whittaker, ¹ 1892.	D. D. Nicholas, ¹ 1914.
Frank Saamon, ¹ 1893.	F. M. Underwood, Knoxville, 1915.
W. F. Milburn, ¹ 1894.	J. R. Kennedy, Louisville, 1916.
W. J. Smith, ¹ 1895.	O. C. Kinley, ¹ 1917.
H. B. Case, ¹ 1896-97.	W. F. Roberts, Memphis, 1918.
W. H. Nelson, ³ Roan Mountain, 1898.	F. M. Fessenden, ¹ 1919.
A. H. Grumbliss, ¹ 1899.	O. L. Thompson, Rockwood, 1920.
S. T. Harris, ¹ 1900.	W. W. Lowry, Riceville, 1921.
M. M. Harris, ¹ 1901.	P. W. Evans, Kingston, 1922.
G. W. Patton, ¹ 1902-3.	John H. Simpson, Knoxville, 1923.
Ben. A. Hamilton, ¹ 1904.	John Farmer, Knoxville, 1924.
W. W. French, ¹ 1905.	M. F. Miller, Chattanooga, 1925.

Comrade Underwood,³ national council of administration

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

TEXAS (38)

[Organized March 25, 1885. Membership, December 31, 1925, 126. Posts, 10]

Department commander-----	D. L. Wagner ¹ -----	Denison.
Senior vice department commander---	A. W. Robbins-----	San Antonio.
Junior vice department commander---	J. H. Dunn-----	Denison.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Anson Miller ³ -----	Anahuac.

REPRESENTATIVES

W. A. Nicholson,³ Denison.
T. Woodcock,³ Dallas.

ALTERNATES

J. T. Youngling, Dallas.
A. B. Palmer, Fort Worth.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. D. Wylie, ¹ 1885.	E. A. Russell, ¹ 1905.
O. T. Lyon, ¹ 1886.	H. W. Harvey, ¹ 1906.
W. H. Sinclair, ¹ 1887.	L. L. Whitaker, ¹ 1907.
J. C. De Gress, ¹ 1888.	T. M. Wright, ¹ 1808.
A. G. Malloy, ¹ 1889.	Calvin R. Hubbard, ¹ 1909.
A. K. Taylor, ¹ 1890.	J. S. Dunlap, Dallas, 1910.
M. W. Mann, ¹ 1891.	W. S. Krestsinger, ¹ 1911.
O. G. Peterson, ¹ 1892.	E. P. Brown, ¹ 1912.
J. W. Parks, ¹ 1893.	Sinney Tuttle, ¹ 1913.
R. M. Moore, ¹ 1894.	Robert McCormick, Dallas, 1914.
W. W. Bostwick, (transferred to California), 1895.	C. S. Brodbent, ³ San Antonio, 1915.
G. W. McCormick, ¹ 1896.	C. A. Cahoon, ¹ 1916.
Ed M. Ketchum, Galveston. 1897.	M. B. Young, ¹ 1917.
W. F. Conn, ¹ 1898.	Anson Miller, ³ Anahuac, 1918.
John Roach, ¹ 1899.	Edward Loomis, San Antonio, 1919.
Charles B. Peck, ¹ 1900.	Max Hart, Houston, 1920.
P. B. Hunt, ¹ 1901.	G. E. Allgaier, Fort Worth. 1921.
C. C. Haskell, ¹ 1902.	R. P. Cooper, Dallas, 1922.
John H. Bolton, ¹ 1903.	W. H. Blake, Dallas, 1923.
John L. Boyd, Dallas. 1904.	John W. Buchanan, San Antonio. 1924.
	John Shearer, ³ Houston, 1925.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

J. C. Bigger, ¹ past commander in chief-----	1892
David McKay, ¹ surgeon general-----	1897
A. W. Acheson, ¹ surgeon general-----	1901
W. T. Conner, ¹ inspector general-----	1910
L. L. Whitaker, ¹ senior vice commander-----	1912
W. T. Gonner, ¹ senior vice commander-----	1914
C. S. Brodbent, senior vice commander, San Antonio-----	1922

Comrade Woodcock, national council of administration

UTAH (33)

[Organized October 8, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1925, 79. Posts, 5]

Department commander-----	L. L. Hudson, ³ -----	Salt Lake City.
Senior vice department commander---	Elias Price-----	Salt Lake City.
Junior vice department commander---	E. N. Williams-----	Ogden.
Assistant adjutant general-----	C. W. A. Schnell, ³ ----	Salt Lake City.

REPRESENTATIVES

John S. White,³ Salt Lake City.J. M. Van Dervort,³ Ogden.¹ Deceased.³ Present.

UTAH—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George C. Douglas, ¹ 1883.	Henry P. Burns, ¹ 1904.
Ransford Smith, ¹ 1884.	E. T. Hulanski, Ogden. 1905.
H. C. Wardleigh, ¹ 1885.	B. M. Sperry, ¹ 1906.
Elijah Sells, ¹ 1886.	Alford Kent, ¹ 1907.
Eli H. Murray, ¹ 1887.	R. G. Slater, ¹ 1908.
Nathan H. Kimball, ¹ 1888.	Lucian H. Smythe, ¹ 1909.
Henry T. Snyder, ¹ 1889.	T. C. Lundy, ¹ 1910.
Henry Page, ¹ 1890.	A. B. Laurence, ¹ 1911.
Frank Hoffman, ¹ 1891.	J. W. Brown, ¹ 1912.
James R. Elliott, ¹ 1892.	Frank H. Hall, Salt Lake C ty, 1912.
J. W. Greenman, ¹ 1893.	Reuben Oehler, ¹ 1913.
T. C. Iliff, ¹ 1894.	N. A. Heath, ¹ 1914.
C. O. Farnsworth, ¹ 1895.	H. G. Rollins, ¹ 1915.
M. M. Kellogg, ¹ 1896.	N. D. Corser, Salt Lake City. 1916-17.
T. C. Bailey, ¹ 1897.	J. C. A. Warfield, Sawtelle, Calif., 1918.
N. H. Ives, ¹ 1898.	C. W. A. Schnell, Salt Lake City, 1919.
M. M. Kaighn, ¹ 1899.	Ezra D. Haskins, Salt Lake City.
M. A. Breeden, ¹ 1900.	1920-21.
Rudolph Alf, ¹ 1901.	A. Van Patten, Ogden. 1922.
W. M. Bostaph (transferred to Cali- fornia), 1902.	W. L. Goodsell, Salt Lake City, 1923- 1925.
F. H. Clark, ¹ 1903.	

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

W. M. Bostaph, senior vice commander in chief, 1909, transferred to depart-
ment of California.
Comrade Charter,¹ national council of administration, died August 16, 1926.

VERMONT (13)

[Organized December 23, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1925, 519. Posts, 58]

Department commander-----	A. C. Stoughton ³ -----	Burlington.
Senior vice department commander---	Charles Young-----	Rutland.
Junior vice department commander---	I. E. Lamson-----	Burlington.
Assistant adjutant general-----	H. P. Hunter ³ -----	Brattleboro.

REPRESENTATIVES

L. P. Butts, ³ North Hyde Park.
J. H. Amadon, ³ Waterville.
J. H. Brooks, ³ Burlington.
F. McIntire, ³ Leicester Junction.
J. L. Ormsby, ³ Westminster West.
John L. Thwing, ³ Bellows Falls.

ALTERNATES

Representatives to select alternates.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George P. Foster, ¹ 1869.	II. E. Taylor, ¹ 1888.
W. W. Henry, ¹ 1870-71.	A. S. Tracy, ¹ 1889.
W. G. Veasey, ¹ 1872-73.	Z. M. Mansur, ¹ 1890.
Stephen Thomas, ¹ 1874-75.	D. L. Morgan, Rutland. 1891.
T. S. Peck, ¹ 1876-77.	II. Henry, ¹ 1892.
J. H. Goulding, ¹ 1878-79.	G. W. Doty, ¹ 1893.
G. W. Hooker, ¹ 1880-81.	C. F. Branch, ¹ 1894.
A. B. Valentine, ¹ 1882-83.	B. Cannon, jr., ¹ 1895.
C. C. Kinsman, ¹ 1884.	N. M. Puffer, ¹ 1896.
W. L. Greenleaf, ¹ 1885.	E. W. Jewett, ¹ 1897.
G. T. Childs, ¹ 1886.	L. B. Harris, ¹ 1898.
P. D. Blodgett, ¹ 1887.	F. G. Butterfield, ¹ 1899.

¹ Deceased. ³ Present.

VERMONT—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

C. S. Palmer (transferred from South Dakota), 1899.	A. A. Niles, ¹ 1912.
U. A. Woodbury, ¹ 1900.	Thomas Hannon, Bennington, 1913.
J. H. Lucia, ¹ 1901.	Edward Baker, Montpelier, 1914.
R. E. Hathorn, Ludlow, 1902.	George P. Martin, Burlington, 1915.
Frank Kenfield, ¹ 1903.	H. C. Streeter, ¹ 1916.
J. E. Eldredge, ¹ 1904.	C. T. S. Pierce, ¹ 1917-18.
S. H. Wood, St. Albans, 1905.	A. T. Woodward, Rutland, 1919.
J. A. Sheldon, ¹ 1906.	L. W. Bush, ¹ 1920.
A. C. Brown, ¹ 1907.	John R. Wilson, Worcester, 1921.
C. E. Beach, ³ Burlington, 1908.	Charles H. Cota, ³ St. Albans, 1922.
A. B. Franklin, ¹ 1909.	C. H. Granger, ³ Rutland, 1923.
E. J. Foster, ³ Waterbury Center, 1910.	C. H. Stone, ³ Fair Haven, 1924.
C. M. Ferrin, Essex Junction, 1911.	W. W. Martin, Middlebury, 1925.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Wheelock, G. Veazey ¹ -----	1890
Comrade Pierce, national council of administration	

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15)

[Organized December 23, 1871. Membership, December 31, 1925, 144. Posts, 13]

Department commander-----	Charles H. Haber ³ ---	Nat. Soldiers' Home, Va.
Senior vice commander-----	Charles Grandy ³ ---	Norfolk, Va.
Junior vice commander-----	Richard Brown----	Norfolk, Va.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Henry Kyne ³ -----	Soldiers' Home, Va.

REPRESENTATIVES

Edmond Reddick, Portsmouth.
Chas. Brown,³ Richmond.

ALTERNATES

H. W. House,³ Portsmouth.
Henry Anderson,³ National Soldiers' Home.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William W. Eaton, ¹ 1874.	H. W. Weiss, ¹ 1896.
William H. Appenzeller, ¹ 1875-76.	James W. Stebbins, Norfolk, Va., 1897.
William Ryder, ¹ 1877.	James M. Davis, ¹ 1898.
R. G. Staples, ¹ 1878.	John W. Rutter, ¹ 1899.
Richard Bond, ¹ 1879.	A. B. Heistand, ¹ 1900.
A. B. Hurlburt, ¹ 1880.	Peter Morton, ¹ 1901.
W. Harvey King, ¹ 1881.	C. D. Grew, ¹ 1902.
P. T. Woodfin, ¹ 1882-83.	H. M. Haas, ¹ 1903.
B. C. Cook, ¹ 1884.	J. C. Fowler, ¹ 1904.
H. DeB. Clay, ¹ 1885-86.	Isaac Powell, ¹ 1905.
John W. Woodman, ¹ 1887-88.	D. R. Wilson (transferred to another order), 1906.
R. P. Wheeler, ¹ 1889.	A. A. Hager, ¹ 1907.
N. J. Smith, ¹ 1890.	Thomas Fogarty, ¹ 1908.
H. D. Nichols, ¹ 1891.	Frank M. Work, ¹ 1909.
Edgar Allen, ¹ 1892.	Charles H. Haber, National Soldiers' Home, Va., 1910-1926.
W. Whitcomb, ¹ 1893.	
J. G. Fulton, ¹ 1894.	
James E. Porter, ¹ 1895.	

Henry Kyle, national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Edgar Allen, ¹ national junior vice commander-----	1886
Charles H. Haber, national junior vice commander, National Soldiers Home, Va.-----	1918

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

[Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1925, 1,041. Posts, 55]

Department commander-----	J. H. Shaw ³ -----	Spokane, Wash.
Senior vice department commander-----	Ed. C. Warner ³ -----	Everett, Wash.
Junior vice department commander-----	T. F. Cooly ³ -----	Seattle, Wash.
Assistant adjutant general-----	E. B. Hopkinson-----	Spokane, Wash.

REPRESENTATIVES

Barney Abernathy.³
 John Proctor.³
 George Lincoln.³
 Ben Levey.
 Willis Richardson.³
 James H. Chase.³
 A. P. Rounds.³
 E. W. Swan.
 A. F. Haynes.³
 George Wick.³
 H. A. Smith.

ALTERNATES

M. Milhone.³
 L. C. Lovelace.³
 O. F. Janes.³

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling ¹ (provisional), 1878-1882.	W. H. Mock, ¹ 1907.
George D. Hill, ¹ 1883.	George H. Boardman, ¹ 1908.
H. A. Morrow, ¹ 1884.	Lyman Banks, ¹ 1909.
A. M. Brooks, ¹ 1885.	W. H. Wiscombe (transferred to California), 1910.
C. M. Holton, ¹ 1886.	F. H. Hurd, ³ Seattle, 1911.
A. P. Curry, ¹ 1887.	R. R. Harding, ¹ 1912.
J. W. Sprague, ¹ 1888.	E. A. Shores ¹ (transferred from Wisconsin).
S. G. Cosgrove, ¹ 1889.	J. E. Stewart, ¹ 1913.
M. M. Holmes, ¹ 1890.	H. R. Gale, Bremerton, 1914.
D. G. Lovell, ¹ 1891.	H. W. North, Orting, 1915.
J. Sox Brown, Centralia, 1892.	J. E. Gandy, ³ Spokane, 1916.
J. F. Sinclair, ¹ 1893.	John E. Phelps ¹ (transferred from Missouri).
J. N. Scott, ¹ 1894.	John J. See (transferred to California), 1917.
Norman Buck, ¹ 1895.	S. F. Street, ¹ 1918.
C. T. Patterson, ¹ 1896.	A. A. Stevens, Wenatchee, 1919.
J. F. McLean, ¹ 1897.	O. D. McDonald (transferred to California), 1920.
George W. Tibbitts, ¹ 1898.	J. H. Coffman, Tacoma, 1921.
J. W. Langley, ¹ 1899.	Enoch Sears, Spokane, 1922.
B. R. Freeman, ¹ 1900.	W. P. Cragin ¹ (died in office), 1923.
H. A. Bigelow, ¹ 1901.	John A. Harris, ³ Spokane, 1923.
B. C. Bedell, ¹ 1902.	A. P. Lawrence, Seattle, 1924.
T. H. Cavanaugh, ¹ 1903.	William J. Baker, Everett, 1925.
F. M. Davis ¹ (transferred to California), 1904.	
J. T. Goss, ¹ 1905.	
C. B. Dunning, ¹ 1906.	

Comrade Stevens, national council of administration

PAST NATIONAL OFFICER

Comrade Gandy, past junior vice commander in chief, Spokane, Wash.

WEST VIRGINIA (28)

[Organized April 9, 1868. Reorganized February 29, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1925, 385. Posts, 22]

Department commander-----	William Keely ³ -----	Charleston.
Senior vice department commander--	P. Dunsmoor-----	Parkersburg.
Junior vice department commander--	W. W. Riley ³ -----	Point Pleasant.
Assistant adjutant general-----	Robert W. Jones ³ -----	Charleston.

¹ Deceased.³ Present.

WEST VIRGINIA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
J. T. McCombs, Moundsville.	S. Lemmon, Wheeling.
Thomas Carder, ³ Parkersburg.	J. K. Gorby, New Martinsville.
B. F. Malone, Buckhannon.	M. C. Carmichael, Wellsburg.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Flick, ¹ 1883.	J. W. Shroyer, ¹ 1905.
C. B. Smith, ¹ 1884.	Thomas M. Mills, ¹ 1906.
John Carlin, ¹ 1885.	I. M. Adams, ¹ 1907.
G. W. Taggart, ¹ 1886.	Thomas H. Marks, ¹ 1908.
Lee Haymond, ¹ 1887.	D. Mayer, ¹ 1909.
R. E. Fleming, ¹ 1888.	J. L. Caldwell, ¹ 1910.
S. S. Hazen, ¹ 1889.	Thomas V. Salisbury, ¹ 1911.
George Walker, ¹ 1890.	E. A. Billingslea, ¹ 1912.
I. H. Duval, ¹ 1891.	John M. Milan, ¹ 1913.
Charles E. Anderson, ¹ 1892.	T. G. Hammond, ¹ 1914.
Anthony Smith, Harrisville, 1893.	C. T. Reed, ¹ 1915.
F. H. Crago, ¹ 1894.	James T. Piggott, ³ Parkersburg, 1916.
R. E. Lee, ¹ 1895.	S. R. Hanen, Glen Easton, 1918.
R. H. Freer, ¹ 1896.	W. T. Cox, ¹ 1919.
Thomas A. Maulsby, ¹ 1897.	L. B. Moore, ¹ Parkersburg, 1919.
Richard Robertson, Wheeling, 1898.	W. S. Grafton, ¹ 1920.
Charles R. LeValley, ¹ 1899.	H. S. White, ³ Matewan, 1921.
Arnold Brandley, ³ Elkins, 1900.	W. S. Clark, ¹ Harrisville, 1922.
M. B. Bartlett, ¹ 1901.	T. S. Bonar, ³ Moundsville, 1923.
C. C. Mathews, Moundsville, 1902.	W. W. Rogers, Wheeling, 1924.
Alex X. Moore, ¹ 1903.	Smith Risinger, ³ Moundsville, 1925.
O. H. Michaelson, ¹ 1904.	

Comrade Piggott, national council of administration

WISCONSIN (2)

[Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1925, 1,449. Posts, 131]

Department commander-----	Henry Stannard ³ -----	Freenbush.
Senior vice department commander--	Joe Cooper ³ -----	Racine.
Junior vice department commander--	A. P. Van Matre ³ -----	Darlington.
Assistant adjutant general-----	George W. Morton ³ -----	Berlin.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
Charles M. Hambright, ³ (at large), Milwaukee.	M. H. Howieson. (at large). Chip-pewa Falls.
W. P. Bryant, ³ (at large). Sheboygan Falls.	S. B. Ross (at large). Beloit.
George Thomas (at large), Milwaukee.	V. Brown. ³ (at large), Ripon.
Robert A. Arthur, ³ (at large), Milwaukee.	L. D. Sampson (at large), Milwaukee.
Fred Wardrobe, ³ Waukesha.	David Crane, Waukesha.
George H. Pounder, ³ Fort Atkinson.	E. B. Heimstreet, Lake Mills.
Joseph Dean, ³ Madison.	Nat Crampton, Madison.
Tony Guernere, ³ Milwaukee.	J. C. Hopkins, Milwaukee.
Charles Kayser, ³ Milwaukee.	A. Hackendahl, Milwaukee.
R. A. Spink, ³ Oshkosh.	H. C. Eaton, Fond du Lac.
B. J. Carpenter, ³ Waupaca.	Comrade Sawyer, Waupaca.
William J. Thompson, ³ New Lisbon.	L. Merkle, Appleton.
E. H. Wilder, ³ Appleton.	Joe Vermielyer, Eau Claire.
G. F. Hallas, ³ Eau Claire.	J. B. Hill, Superior.
J. H. Hellweg, ³ Hayward.	

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

WISCONSIN—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit, ¹ 1866.	S. H. Tallmadge, ¹ 1899.
H. A. Starr, ¹ 1867.	David J. James, ¹ 1900.
J. M. Rusk, ¹ 1868.	A. H. DeGroff (transferred to Oak- land, Calif), 1901.
T. S. Allen, ¹ 1869-70.	J. H. Agen, ¹ 1902.
Edward Ferguson, ¹ 1871-72.	J. P. Rundle, ¹ 1903.
A. J. McCoy, ¹ 1873.	Pliny Norcross, ¹ 1904.
G. A. Hannaford, ³ Boise, Idaho. 1874-75.	F. A. Copeland, ¹ 1905.
John Hancock, ¹ 1876.	John W. Ganes, ¹ 1906.
H. G. Rogers, ¹ 1877.	John C. Martin, ³ Mineral Point, 1907.
F. S. Hammond, ¹ 1878.	E. D. Coe, ¹ 1908.
Griff J. Thomas, ¹ 1879-81.	R. B. Lang, ¹ 1909.
H. M. Enos, ¹ 1882.	William H. Grinnell, ¹ 1909.
Philip Cheek, ¹ 1883-84.	Frank A. Walsh, ³ Milwaukee, 1910.
James Davidson, ¹ 1885.	Hiram J. Smith, ¹ 1911.
Lucius Fairchild, ¹ 1886.	George W. Spratt, ³ Sheboygan Falls. 1912.
H. P. Fisher, ¹ 1886.	Charles H. Henry, ³ Eau Claire, 1913.
Michael Griffin, ¹ 1887.	Samuel A. Cook, ¹ 1914.
A. G. Weissert, ¹ 1888.	W. J. McKay, ¹ Madison, 1915.
L. Ferguson, ¹ 1889.	O. L. Rosenkrans, ¹ 1916.
Benjamin F. Bryant, ¹ 1890.	W. A. Wyse, ¹ 1917.
W. H. Upham, ¹ 1891.	George D. Breed, ³ Chilton, 1918.
C. B. Welton, ¹ 1892.	Robert R. Campbell, Green Bay, 1919.
E. A. Shores ¹ (transferred to Wash- ington), 1893.	Walter O. Pletzsch, ¹ 1920.
J. A. Watrous, ¹ 1894.	M. L. Snyder, ¹ 1921.
W. D. Hoard, ¹ 1895.	James F. Carle, ³ 1922.
D. Lloyd Jones, ¹ 1896.	Alfred S. Eaton, ³ Superior, 1923.
E. B. Gray, ¹ 1897.	George W. Morton, ³ Berline, 1924.
C. H. Russell, ¹ 1898.	Henry Hase, Milwaukee, 1925.
Henry Harnden, ¹ 1899.	

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

A. G. Weissert, ¹ past commander in chief, Milwaukee-----	1888
F. A. Walsh, ³ senior vice commander in chief, Milwaukee-----	1923

Comrade Heimstreet,³ national council of administration

¹ Deceased.

³ Present.

COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, Illinois, chairman.	C. S. Stoddard, California and Nevada.
John P. Risley, Iowa.	A. J. Gahagan, Tennessee.
E. B. Heimstreet, Wisconsin.	David Strouse, Indiana.

ON ADDRESS OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Lewis S. Pilcher, New York.	Louis F. Arensberg, Pennsylvania.
Ell Torrance, Minnesota.	Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Ohio.
David J. Palmer, Iowa.	

ON REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS

James Tanner, New York.	Washington Gardner, Michigan.
Samuel R. Van Sant, Minnesota.	John R. King, Maryland.
James W. Willett, Iowa.	

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Birt F. Parsons, New York.	William P. Wright, Illinois.
Silas H. Towler, Minnesota.	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

The commander in chief, the senior vice commander in chief, the adjutant general, the quartermaster general, and the following-named comrades of the national council of administration will constitute the executive committee of the national council of administration:

Birt F. Parsons, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Adrian C. Sloan, Connecticut.
H. H. Bengough, Pittsburgh, Pa.	W. H. Noll, Los Angeles, Calif.
Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn.	Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, Ohio.
William P. Wright, Chicago, Ill.	

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

John L. Clem, Washington, D. C.	John McElroy, Washington, D. C.
Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.	John R. King, Baltimore, Md.
A. J. Gahagan, Chattanooga, Tenn.	

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS

J. W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.	W. A. Wetherbee, Boston, Mass.
John R. King, Baltimore, Md.	Charles H. Haskins, Los Angeles, Calif.

COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC AND DISPOSITION OF ARCHIVES AND FUNDS UPON DISSOLUTION

Samuel R. Van Sant, chairman, Minnesota.	Lewis S. Pilcher, New York.
	James Tanner, New York.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL BRIDGE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Hosea B. Moulton, Washington, D. C.	John McElroy, Washington, D. C.
John L. Clem, Washington, D. C.	John W. Reid, Washington, D. C.

COMMITTEE TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION A MEMORIAL TO
J. ANDREW WILT

Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn.		H. H. Bengough, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Birt F. Parsons, Brooklyn, N. Y.		

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND

William J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.		Frank R. Chase, Smyrna, Mich.
Louis F. Arensberg, Pennsylvania.		

A MEMORIAL TO PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF DANIEL M. HALL

Ell Torrance, Minnesota.		William J. Patterson, Pennsylvania.
Silas H. Towler, Minnesota.		

A MEMORIAL TO PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF CHARLES G. BURTON

Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher.		Past Commander in Chief John R. King.
Past Commander in Chief James Tanner.		Past Commander in Chief Leo Ras-sieur.

A MEMORIAL FOR COMRADE LONGFELLOW, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant.		Past Department Commander Silas H. Towler.
Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance.		

A MEMORIAL FOR COMRADE ROBERT W. M'BRIDE, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett.		Past Commander in Chief John R. King.
Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance.		

DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, ACCORDING TO DATES
OF PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AS HERETOFORE ANNOUNCED

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina	July 27, 1871
	As department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina, May 20, 1892.	
16	Maryland, organized Jan. 8, 1868	June 9, 1876 ¹
17	Nebraska	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868	Jan. 22, 1879 ¹
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866	Jan. 23, 1879 ¹
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866	Oct. 3, 1879 ¹
21	Colorado and Wyoming	Dec. 11, 1879
	As department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; named changed to Colorado and Wyoming Aug. 28, 1889.	
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1866	Mar. 16, 1880 ¹
23	Delaware	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867	Aug. 17, 1881 ¹
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867	Apr. 22 1882 ¹
26	Oregon	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868	Feb. 20, 1883 ¹
29	South Dakota	Feb. 27, 1883
	As department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota Apr. 11, 1890.	
30	Washington and Alaska	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico	July 14, 1883
33	Utah	Oct. 8, 1883
34	Tennessee	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi	May 15, 1884
	As department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888.	
36	Florida	June 19, 1884
37	Montana	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma	Aug. 7, 1890
	As department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma July 3, 1891.	
45	Indian Territory	July 3, 1891
	Consolidated with and merged into the department of Oklahoma May 19-22, 1908.	

¹ Reorganized.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 19 TO 25, 1926

The Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the Coliseum, Des Moines, Iowa, on Thursday, September 23, 1926, at 10.18 o'clock a. m., Commander in Chief John B. Inman, of Springfield, Ill., presiding.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, I hope you will bear with us and keep as quiet as you possibly can. This is the regular meeting of the Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. The chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

Comrade R. L. CHASE, of Iowa. Commander in Chief, I noticed that you struck this table with your hand. Now, the city of Des Moines asked me—the mayor—what he could give the commander in chief that he would remember this sixtieth meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic in Des Moines. I told him I thought if we would give him some of the wood, and I am going to present a mallet here made out of our Iowa wood. The head is black walnut. The handle is from a beautiful cherry tree. I know you are not inclined to hear anything more on it, so in behalf of the city of Des Moines, Commander in Chief, I present you with that gavel.

In talking over with our veterans in the city of Des Moines, they said, "What can we give the commander in chief that he may remember us, not only the city of Des Moines but the Grand Army of the Republic?" Some of them wanted to give silver cups, some of them badges, but they finally said, "Doc, give him what you want to." Now, in behalf of the veterans of the city of Des Moines I am going to present the commander in chief with this flag. I do it because we fought for it, our comrades died for it; and you place this, Commander in Chief, where you can, in your home or office, and my request is that your mind will turn back to this encampment and to the Civil War veterans of the city of Des Moines. It is yours.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Chase, assistant adjutant general, I want you to convey to the mayor my sincere thanks for the presentation of this beautiful and symbolic gavel. I shall remember, we all shall remember, both of our meetings here in Des Moines. In the flag presentation—I ask you to convey the same thanks on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic as a national organization and myself as well.

The next order of business will be the prayer by the chaplain.

(Encampment called to its feet by the gavel.)

Chaplain in Chief WILLIAM P. MCKINSEY, of Indiana. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we meet in Thy name to counsel, admonish, and greet each other in the most exalted friendship. God bless the commander in chief during all of the meetings this day. God bless every delegate, every past commander in chief, every man of us. Help every man of us to be at his best. Bless the whole

Army of the Republic everywhere in every department and in every place where there may be one.

Bless our country. Bless the President of the United States. Bless all that serve with him in the administration of the affairs of our great Nation. Bless the Congress of the United States. Bless the governors of all the States in the Union.

Bless the homes of the land and the churches of the land and all the people of the land, and help us to be what we ought to be, honest and upright and true patriots and true neighbors and fellow citizens. And we pray in the name of Him who taught us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare the Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic opened in due form. The adjutant will call the roll of the officers.

Adjutant General HENRY B. DAVIDSON (after calling the roll). Commander in Chief, the roll of officers has been called and all are present.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I want to express my sincere gratitude at this moment for the unanimous answering of "Here" of all my appointive officers and elective officers of this administration. It is very satisfactory, and I want you to know that I appreciate it.

The first order of business will be the reading of the commander's address. The senior vice commander will please take the chair.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief OSCAR A. JANES. Comrades, you will now listen to the address of the commander in chief. Let quiet be in the room so that you will all distinctly hear what he has to say.

Comrade JAMES R. Goss, of Montana. Commander in chief, I speak for Montana. It is utterly impossible to hear one word of what is being said. We have come here a long distance to hear and see what we may, but we are utterly unable to hear a solitary word that is being said from the platform.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JANES. You have the address in your hands and you can follow it through as the commander in chief reads it.

A COMRADE. Get some one that can read it so we can hear.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. May I suggest to the comrades that the commander in chief is now reading his address. It is printed in the pamphlets which are before them and they can read every word of it as he goes along.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JANES. It is suggested, as the commander in chief is hoarse this morning, that if Comrade Frank Cole will only come to the stage and read his address for him. Comrade Cole, it is the wish of the commander in chief that you come forward and read his address. [Comrade Cole comes to the platform.] This is Comrade Cole, who will now read the address of the commander in chief by his request. [Applause.]

Comrade Frank O. Cole, of New Jersey, then read the address of the commander in chief, as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

COMRADES: We are met to renew our comradeship and to transact the business of the Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It has been a year of intermingled sorrow and joy. Sorrow at the stupendous number of comrades who have reached the river's brink and have crossed over, and rejoicing in the thought that the deeds of these men forever shall stand out in bold relief on the escutcheon of the Nation's greatness.

PENSIONS

My supreme ambition was to see passed our exclusive Civil War pension bill and I issued Circular Letter No. 1 calling upon all departments, our auxiliary and other allied societies to communicate with United States Senators and Representatives in Congress, and I am led to believe that this fund of information was tremendous.

On July 3, 1926, such a measure was signed by the President and became a law. The estimated cost of the first year is \$16,000,000 for the increases, which embodies more than 80,000 individual beneficiaries.

General Order No. 6 gives the bill in full, S. 4059, and General Order No. 7 furnishes details as to carrying out the project. The saving of the \$72 rating, which remains undisturbed, is one of the high points, as about one-half of the survivors already are in the classification, and the balance rapidly are being accepted as their failing strength entitles them to such consideration.

The increase of the \$50 comrades to \$65 is a substantial raise.

I was surprised that 26,000 widows survive—who were the wives of the Union soldiers while they were in the Civil War service. They get \$50.

The Army nurses get \$50. It was regretted that more of the widows could not have an increase, and I am advised that other bills in their interests are on the calendar for the second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress, which convenes in December, 1926.

The commander in chief takes this opportunity to thank all who contributed to the result. The committee on legislation did fine work, two of whom are vice president and editor of the National Tribune Comrades John L. Clem and John McElroy. Comrade Clem is chairman of the committee on legislation, the other members being Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, Past Commander in Chief John R. King, and Past Department Commander A. J. Gahagan.

Chairman Elliott, of the House Committee on Pensions, and Senator Norbeck, of the Senate Committee, were especially helpful, as were all floor leaders and others in authority. Every promise made to me was kept and our measures were granted such attention as was feasible under the conditions.

I spent a large part of my time during the months of January, April, and June in Washington, D. C., and was obliged therefore to detail many elective and appointive officers to represent me at the department encampments and other assignments, for which loyal assistance I am placed under lasting obligations.

It will be seen by reference to General Order No. 7 that what was done had to be done quickly, and so it became a question of passing a measure which could reasonably be expected to become a law, and to that end our friends in Congress wrought with us.

In the light of what was secured in increases, it may be said without seeming to be egotistical that something worth while was accomplished.

LOGAN ORDER ESTABLISHING MEMORIAL DAY

A resolution passed Congress and was signed by the President June 19, 1926, instructing the War Department to accept from the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic a tablet showing the Logan general order establishing Memorial Day inscribed thereon, to be located in the Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

The selection of the spot for said tablet now is being considered. The size will be about 6 by 4½ feet and the National Woman's Relief Corps has agreed to place the funds for the entire expense in the hands of the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic as soon as an estimate of such cost can be determined by the committee, which consists of the Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, and the Fine Arts Commission, in connection with the committee of Grand Army of the Republic.

Thus it will be seen that the cost will pass through the hands of the Grand Army of the Republic while the Woman's Relief Corps furnishes the funds; all honor to our auxiliary for thus enabling us to perpetuate the order establishing Memorial Day by Comrade John A. Logan's General Order No. 11, on May 5, 1868.

As the years roll on the importance of this tablet will grow as one of the great side lights along our way, and the location is superb for this holy purpose.

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

The National Woman's Relief Corps has decided to place a bronze tablet in each State capitol building giving the Gettysburg oration of President Lincoln and to be dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic.

They will have on exhibition at their Des Moines convention one of the finished products about 2 by 3 feet in size and clearly legible.

This is a most worthy patriotic enterprise and one of large value for future generations, who will read and ponder these inspiring sentiments long after you and I and all of us shall have entered into our eternal rest. Thus another great side light along our way.

AUXILIARY AND OTHER ALLIED SOCIETIES

To our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and to the other allied associations, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Sons' Auxiliary, we owe a full measure of gratitude for their loyal support throughout the year. The Woman's Relief Corps, of course, with their tremendous membership, are our mainstay—but all the others did their best, which in the aggregate was much.

The Woman's Relief Corps paying the expense of Logan's tablet is one of their large achievements.

The commander in chief hopes that the comrades will do all in their power to assist and encourage the sons in their laudable efforts to increase their membership and to "carry on" in perpetuating the principles their noble sires inculcated.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

We have had free rent, light, heat, and janitor service—two large and finely furnished rooms in the State Capitol at Springfield, Ill., through the kindness of Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson, who is ex-officio custodian of grounds and capitol buildings.

For this fine courtesy and patriotic act the Grand Army of the Republic, through the commander in chief, hereby expresses sincere gratitude.

MY STAFF

I part with my staff with keen sorrow; to such constant helpers as Adj. Gen. Henry B. Davidson, Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, he of 19 years of perfect service, Chief of Staff George A. Hosley, my efficient private secretary, Miss Esther M. Taylor, and to the entire official family, I am under obligations greater than I can find words to express.

Whatever has been accomplished during the year has largely been through the kindly advice and constant loyalty of these assistants with whom it has been a joy to labor.

ETERNAL PROMOTIONS

The grim reaper has wrought sad havoc in our official ranks during the year: Two past commanders in chief, Comrades Daniel M. Hall and Charles G. Burton; judge advocate general, Comrade Robert W. McBride, and national patriotic instructor, Comrade Levi Longfellow, and a large number of past department commanders have crossed the Great Divide and become to us only a sacred memory.

Memorials for these were printed in general orders and committees appointed to prepare and present to the sixtieth national encampment extended eulogies for placement in the proceedings of the encampment in their proper locations.

For all the end of the long, long trail is nearing; we could see it now had the mist a little less heavy grown. But we must march on and on to the fulfillment and completion of our patriotic course. We do not wish to amalgamate with any other society; we have taken our place in the history of this Republic. We know the task

we were set to do and know that we did it. The Grand Army of the Republic always has been right. We must go down with colors flying, and we beseech as did they of old, "Let thy servants depart in peace."

FINALE

And now the time is come when the mantle of greatness must be placed upon other shoulders.

I will say au revoir but not good-bye, for I hope to meet and greet you in other encampments, so long as I am able to make my pilgrimage to these sacred shrines.

I did the best that I knew; would that I could have done better.

Very sincerely in F., C. and L.,

JOHN B. INMAN, *Commander in Chief.*

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. Comrades, the address of the commander in chief will be referred to the following committee: Past Commanders in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, of New York; Ell Torrance, of Minnesota; David J. Palmer, of Iowa; Louis F. Arensberg, of Pennsylvania; and Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, of Ohio.

The commander in chief resumed the chair.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. In order to expedite business. Commander, I move that the other reports of the other officers be received as printed, without reading, and referred to the proper committees.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those who favor the motion will please say "Aye." Opposed, "No." It is carried.

The next order of business, as I understand it, will be the reports of committees. Are there any committees to report?

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT, of Iowa. I have a brief report in the nature of unfinished business, namely, the report of the special committee of conference with Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Reading:]

DES MOINES, IOWA, September 23, 1926.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF: Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of consolidation of the organization called "Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic," with our allied organization. "The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War," met in conference with the committees of both of said organizations at the Fifty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Grand Rapids, Mich.

The committee reported progress thereat, and by action of said encampment was continued as such special committee to report further at the Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic now in session. We now make further report.

We find from investigation and conference that there exists irreconcilable differences between these organizations that prevent consolidation in any form; hence the work of your committee within the limit of its authority is concluded.

We suggest, however, that if the organization known as Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic wish to ascertain their status with the Grand Army of the Republic, that they proceed in some direct manner to determine the same.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. WILLETT,
JNO. R. KING,
Committee.

I move the adoption of the report and that the committee be discharged.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been moved and seconded that the report on the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic—I think you all understand what they are—the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic, that the report of the committee be accepted and approved. Those who are in favor of this will please say “Aye.” Contrary, “No.” The ayes have it, and the motion prevails. Any other reports of committees?

Comrade OLEY NELSON, of Iowa, officer of the guard. There is a delegation here from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. They wish to be admitted.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Officer of the day, you will admit the delegation to convey greetings to this encampment from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Officer of the Day C. O. Seaman, of Iowa, escorted the committee to the platform.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, I have the great honor and pleasure to present a committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—Mrs. John C. Black, Mrs. Aurilla E. Sherman, of Des Moines, which is entertaining us so beautifully, and Mrs. Martha J. Van Duzor, of Chicago. They come with a greeting from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Black.

Mrs. JOHN C. BLACK, of Illinois. Mr. Commander, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the shadows have lengthened across the pathway of my life since last I had the privilege and high honor to bring the greetings from our organization to you men of the Grand Army, the greatest of all armies, the Grand Army of the Republic. To you, the myriads of rankless men without whose trampling feet no leaders nor generals could ever have led on to victory; you, the men whose backs the enemy never saw; you, who, with the glorious deeds and mighty achievements of that shadowy host which marched shoulder to shoulder by your side, created an indivisible Union—how the tide of memory rolls in, bearing on its waves the names of the illustrious and great leaders of that army, and in its ranks was my beloved, my soldier, my friend, my comrade, my devoted lover, my husband, faithful even unto death did us part—and his name was not Valentino—my own splendid Gen. John C. Black [applause]—one of you, my comrades, a Christian, the greatest tribute that can be applied to anybody, man or woman, an orator, and, most of all, a most useful and unblemished life, of whom it was said when the lights went out for him, when taps had sounded for him and the soldier slept, “Know ye not that to-day a great man and a prince has fallen.”

Through the vista of years my thoughts turn to a line of distinguished people whose lives had lent luster and deathless fame to our beloved land. But there was another greater than, more than physical unity for which you strove, and without which victory would have been dust and ashes in the outstretched hands of liberty. From the time our fathers fled from Europe and sought this soil they had

written into it, the life of their political existence, that this was a land of law and that when the people had written that law every man should yield obedience until the courts canceled that law. To that great covenant all the parts of the Union had yielded assent, and when a part in 1861 attempted to break away from their covenant, undertook to throw that supreme law of the land in the dust and make a law unto themselves, the cry that went up from the court and pulpit and hustings, and from the judgment seats of the sane and brave people of this land was, "If you do not destroy this attempt at unlawful destruction, the end has come of our great struggle for human liberty." It was through decadence that the Roman Empire perished. It was through decadence that the monarchy of France perished—the decadence that consists in an incapacity for self-defense, in a blind optimism that refuses to recognize the presence of danger, an optimism that from the flood onward has always characterized the victims of great disaster.

It was a high honor and great pleasure and privilege to greet Commander in Chief John B. Inman, a loyal friend and staunch supporter of my commander in chief, General Black, and whose wondrous tribute to him is indelibly stamped on my heart forever, for which I thank you. You come from the home of Abraham Lincoln, whose name and character stand with the greatest of earth's immortals, a man selected by an overruling Providence to guide our ship of state in the darkest and most perilous days of this Republic. The name of Lincoln will dwell in the heart of mankind with a sweet and everlasting fragrance. Aye, it will dwell in the heart of mankind as long as honor, love, affection, and gratitude shall endure. He sleeps well in your home in Springfield, Ill., at Oak Ridge, under towering effigies of soldiers and sailors of a heroic nation. But not where the winds sweep the snows over the tomb is his last resting place. He is buried in the heart of humanity; that is, in the bosom of humanity.

I am commissioned by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to present to you this portrait of the greatest of all men, Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.] Please accept this portrait of Abraham Lincoln with the affectionate regard of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Never was there a grander, more patriotic, nobler woman born on this earth than is the present national president, Lida E. Manson, of Crawfordsville, Ind., one of God's earth angels, a war mother who sent five sons and her foster son, General Black's grandson, my grandson, into the World War. In a preliminary meeting of the women of Crawfordsville to arrange for the department encampment at Indiana, one of the ladies said—they were arranging for the entertainment of the men—one lady said "I can take care of four, if you will send me gentlemen. Indeed, if you will send me gentlemen, and not any of your tramps and bums and drunkards of the Grand Army I will take six." Mrs. Manson rose and she said, "I will take every old bum, every old tramp, every old drunkard, every old Grand Army man, or old soldier that ever fought in the war, I will take care of him, send them to me. I can take care of 40. I can have straw put on my barn floor and in my shed where they can sleep

comfortably, and I can feed them as long as they stay. Any man that served this Nation I will take care of, and I don't care how drunk he is, nor how much of a bum he is, nor what kind of a tramp he is. I will take care of him." [Applause.] That is the woman who is the president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, who sent that portrait of the greatest man who ever lived to present to your present commander in chief.

Now I am going to close with a few words more. I hope I haven't taken too much time. I have got to say the rest. I wonder if you know who I am. One year I was out in Salt Lake City, and at a reception that was given in the statehouse there was a great crowd of people. Some lady whom I did not know said to me, "You wear a picture of Buffalo Bill, don't you?" Well, it was a picture of my husband. I did not explain to her who he was. It was in a great crowd. I knew she didn't know him, and I had no time to waste with her. I said, "Wasn't he handsome?" The next thing was at a luncheon that was given to Senator Smoot. It was given by the Commercial Club, about three or four hundred men. Ladies were invited. Our host was invited to the luncheon and took us over there, and after the luncheon was over and Senator Smoot had spoken, took us up and presented us. What he said to Senator Smoot was, "I want you to meet the widow of General Black, of Illinois." Whether Senator Smoot is a little dull of hearing, or whether he was waiting to grasp the hand of the next one of the hundreds of people that were going to meet him I don't know, but this is what he said, "Any woman who was the mother of such a man as General Black had a son to be proud of, and I congratulate her." Well, I didn't say anything to him whether I was his grandmother or what. He was waiting to shake hands with the next one.

Then I went to Danville, Ill. Oh, Illinois, what a State that is. How proud my husband was of the State of Illinois. It is my adopted State, and I love it just as much as I do the old Bay State. I love them all. I belong to every State in the Union and every State in this Union belongs to me, and beyond that the whole world belongs to me, and beyond that I know I have got a home in heaven.

I trust I have not too long trespassed on your time. I was speaking of Danville. I and my son from Chicago, John D. Black, went down to Danville and had gone out to the cemetery where the dust of my dear ones is lying, and I said, "We have got to call on Uncle Joe Cannon. They were always so nice to me. They always invited me to dinner in Washington. They always invited me to dinner in Danville. I must call." A butler answered the door, took our cards in to Mr. Cannon and left us standing in the hall. When he came out he knew me at once and spoke to me. I said, "Mr. Cannon, you knew John when he was a boy, but you have been in Washington so many years and he has been in Chicago so many years that I doubt if you have seen him since. He is 53 years old, and this is my John." We went in and had a lovely visit and when we came out he said, "You look very well." I said, "Thank you, I am feeling very well." He said, "When I came out in the hall and saw you standing there looking so fine and saw this handsome

man with you, I thought 'Mrs. Black is married and she has brought her husband to see me.'" [Calls of "Time."] Lastly, a toast to the flag.

Here's to the Red of it—
There's not a thread of it,
No; not a shred of it
In all the spread of it
From foot to head
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it.
Bathing it Red.

Here's to the White of it—
Thrilled by the sight of it—
Who knows the right of it
But feels the might of it
Through day and night?
Womanhood's care for it
Made manhood dare for it;
Purity's prayer for it
Kept it so White.

Here's to the Blue of it—
Heavenly view of it,
Star-spangled hue of it,
Honesty's hue of it,
Constant and true.
Here's to the whole of it,
Stars, stripes, and pole of it,
Here's to the soul of it—
Red, White, and Blue.

[Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will call on Past Commander in Chief Pilcher to reply.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. Ladies, for these many years we have been honored by your presence with us. For these many years your assistance has been received by us most gratefully. We thank you for your appearance here this morning. Our deepest affections belong to you, and we can now only say, "For all that is past, we thank you; for all that is to come, we trust you." [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Officer of the Day, you will please conduct the ladies to the outpost. [Encampment called to its feet by the gavel as the committee retired.]

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, your committee appointed to prepare a memorial in honor of Robert W. McBride, judge advocate general and distinguished comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, make the following report [reading]:

(The memorial will be found at page 283 of this Journal.)

I move the adoption of this report.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. And that it be printed in full in the Journal.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Yes, sir; and that the same be printed upon a memorial page in the Journal.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the motion. Those who favor it will manifest it by a rising vote. It is unanimously carried.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. The commander in chief desires me to make these announcements:

Auxiliary No. 8 of this city desire you to assist in the dedication of a tablet at the Polk County courthouse this afternoon at 4 p. m. The tablet will honor the Polk County men who enlisted in 1861.

Mrs. FRED STUART,
Mrs. GORDON L. ELLIOTT,
Mrs. N. S. KNEPPER,
Committee.

Another announcement:

In accordance with the arrangements perfected by the commander in chief, you will kindly have your representative at the Coliseum at noon adjournment of session to make Pathe News picture of the official family and surviving past commanders in chief.

Please announce that to-day a picture will be taken of all delegates and their friends at the close of this meeting on the east side of this building. Let's all go and be in the picture.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We have a report from the committee to prepare a memorial in honor of the memory of Past Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall, who crossed the Great Divide during the year. We have lost two past commanders in chief. Comrade Torrance.

Past Commander in Chief ELL TORRANCE. Commander in Chief, the committee named to prepare a memorial to Past Commander in Chief Hall consisted of myself, Past Junior Vice Commander in Chief Silas H. Towler, and Comrade Matthews, assistant adjutant general of the department of Ohio. Since the appointment of the committee Comrade Matthews has crossed the ford. Comrade Towler has prepared the memorial, and I will ask him to read it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Towler, of Minnesota, will deliver the memorial.

Comrade Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota, then read the memorial to Past Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall, and the same will be found at page 281 of this Journal.

Comrade TOWLER. I move the adoption of the report.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Those in favor will please rise. There are none opposed. I declare it carried. Past Commander in Chief Van Sant, of Minnesota.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I have here a memorial to Levi Longfellow which I will read.

(The memorial was then read, and will be found at page 285 of this Journal.)

I move its adoption.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been moved and seconded that the memorial in honor of Comrade Levi Longfellow be approved. Those in favor will please rise. It is unanimous, and I declare it carried.

Comrade E. B. HEIMSTREET, of Wisconsin. I have here something germane to the report just made by Past Commander in Chief Willett, and it is in accordance with the suggestion made by that committee.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You will read it.

Comrade HEIMSTREET (reading):

Resolved, That the National Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic be recognized as an allied order of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Cries of "No"] and that the Wisconsin delegates present this resolution—

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, let's have quiet here. Is that in regard to the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic? Is it a resolution, Comrade Heimstreet? It should go to the resolutions committee.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. That is just what I was going to move.

Comrade C. H. WILLIAM RUHE of Pennsylvania. The call has not been made for resolutions, and until that call is issued by the commander in chief resolutions can not be presented.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. That is well taken.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The point of order is well taken. We are now working on reports of committees. The report of the committee on memorial to Charles G. Burton will be given immediately after we convene after lunch. The report is not here. Are there any other committees to report?

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. I rise to a question of privilege. Is it granted?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is. Go ahead.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Commander in chief and comrades, a familiar figure is absent from this encampment in the person of Past Commander in Chief William J. Patterson and at present one of the trustees of the permanent fund, who now lies seriously ill at his home in Pittsburgh. I therefore move that the adjutant general convey the sympathies of the members of this encampment and pray for his speedy recovery.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been moved and seconded that the adjutant general send a telegram in sympathy to Comrade Patterson. Those who favor the motion will please say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Approved. Any further reports from committees?

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. Comrades, you all see how nicely these seats are arranged, and the names of the various departments are conspicuous. Some of us wonder who is responsible for that. I want to say that the gentleman who comes to us every year leaves a valuable and large business in the city of Buffalo to come here at his own expense, being thoroughly obsessed in his love for the Grand Army of the Republic, and works here. He was here this morning before daylight almost and arranged all these seats, and I think it is just as little as we can do to thank Mr. "Rod" (Roderick J.) Cant for his valuable services which he renders from year to year. I move that he be granted a vote of thanks for his services.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those who favor will please say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it, and I declare it carried. Are there any further reports of committees?

Comrade JOHN McELROY, of the Potomac. I move that this encampment instruct the adjutant general to do as we have done for years past, send our congratulations to him and a flag. He is doing a noble work. I refer to Father Joseph Dutton, who is stationed at the leper colony at Molokai. We have sent him a flag every year and our congratulations. He is doing the noblest work of Christ of any comrade I am in touch with, and I move you that the adjutant general be instructed to send him a flag with our congratulations.

(Motion seconded.)

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. Will the commander in chief direct Comrade Cole to repeat the substance of this motion? I don't know what it is.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The motion is to send a flag to this comrade who is engaged in looking after the lepers. It is a custom that we have followed for several years. You have heard the motion, comrades. Those in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No." It is carried.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. I would suggest, sir, that those who speak from the platform step forward and not get back behind the scenery. We can hear something then.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Now if there are no more memorials or greetings or committee reports, I will have read by the reading clerk some telegrams.

Comrade L. J. KRON, of Iowa. A report of actual conditions here. It is utterly impossible for us to hear. We get now and then a single word, but we have to vote upon questions that we don't understand. We are here to represent the Grand Army of the Republic, and it is impossible for us to know what is being said.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will have the reading clerk read some telegrams.

Comrade JAMES R. GOSS, of Montana. I speak for Montana. There is voting going on here. You called for votes. There are motions, but we are in blissful ignorance of what has been done here. Tell us what the reports are and what we have been doing.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will now proceed to read some telegrams.

Comrade COLE (reading):

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 21, 1926.

Gen. JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,

Encampment, Des Moines, Iowa.

In behalf of the American Legion I send greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic. From you veterans of the great conflict that preserved our national unity we take courage and inspiration in the hope to serve our country as nobly in our span of life as you have in yours. Best wishes for a successful encampment.

JOHN R. McQUIGG,
National Commander.

I move that the telegram be received and the adjutant general be directed to acknowledge it by wire.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those in favor of that motion will please say "Aye." Opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and I declare it carried. Did you hear that?

Comrade COLE (reading) :

LEON, IOWA, September 21, 1926.

Gen. JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander Grand Army of the Republic, Des Moines, Iowa:

The Iowa Department of the American Legion sends its greetings and best wishes to you and your comrades. The years of devoted service which you have given to our country are and will always be an inspiration to we who follow. You will never be forgotten.

RALPH A. MCGINNIS,

Commander Iowa Department, American Legion.

[Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Unless there be objection, it will be referred to the adjutant general for reply.

Comrade COLE (reading) :

EL PASO, TEX., September 21, 1926.

Gen. JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,

Des Moines, Iowa:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in twenty-seventh annual encampment assembled at El Paso, Tex., send greetings to their comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. Inspired by your illustrious example, the veterans of a younger generation have striven to imitate the splendid deeds for which we hold your members in perpetual honor. We wish your organization many years of additional service to our beloved country. We are for you to the last man.

FRED STOVER, *Commander in Chief.*

I move that a telegram be sent in reply.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Unless objection is heard, it will be turned over to the adjutant general for reply.

Comrade COLE (reading) :

BANDON, OREG., September 20, 1926.

JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,

Des Moines, Iowa:

Comrade B. Zeek, division commander, Oregon Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, brings loyal greetings to our Grand Army of the Republic and very best wishes for your closing encampment from Oregon division's sons. Bring next encampment to the West—Seattle. Regretting inability to be there,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

C. B. ZEEK,

Division Commander, Bandon, Oreg.

This is no closing encampment by a long shot. I hope that gentleman will be informed that we have got 10 or 15 years more to linger on this earth. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Unless objection is made, it will be referred to the adjutant general to take the same course. Hit them hard on that.

Comrade COLE (reading) :

KANSAS CITY, Mo., September 20, 1926.

COMMANDER AND MEMBERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Des Moines, Iowa:

Greetings as commander of Missouri Division, Confederate Veterans. I wish to extend to you all best wishes for a joyous reunion, that you may keep warm the fires of old friendship to the end, and that you may spend your declining days in harmony, peace, plenty, and contentment.

Sincerely,

ARCHIBALD A. PEARSON.

I move that a reply be sent to that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That will take the same course, unless objection is made.

Comrade COLE (reading):

KANKAKEE, ILL., *September 22, 1926.*

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC ENCAMPMENT,

Des Moines, Iowa:

The American Legion Auxiliary, Post 85, Kankakee, Ill., extend greetings.

MARJORIE SHREFFLER, *Treasurer.*

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The adjutant general will make reply.

Comrade OLEY NELSON, officer of the guard. A committee from the United Spanish American War Veterans is here and wish to be received.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. They don't look like United Spanish War Veterans to me. Are they ladies of the auxiliary?

A committee consisting of Mrs. Marie C. Williams, of Indianapolis, Ind., president general of the National Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans; Anna C. Miller, of Omaha, Nebr.; and Rella M. Hall, of Des Moines, Iowa, was escorted to the platform.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I present Mrs. Williams, of Indiana. They bring the greetings of the auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Mrs. MARIE C. WILLIAMS, national president of the auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans, Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Old Army of the grandest country in the world, I am bringing to you greetings from the National Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans, and, comrades of this great old organization, it gives me the greatest pleasure. I am indeed impressed because I am the granddaughter of a Civil War veteran, and from that very fact, if none other, I would be happy on this morning to have been received when you were so busy. I am not going to delay your business. I am going to say to you that we hope you will have a most successful and a most wonderful encampment, and we are presenting to the commander in chief these few blossoms as the feelings of tribute and love that our auxiliary has for yourselves. God bless every one of your old gray heads. [Presenting a handsome basket of flowers.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will ask Past Commander in Chief Van Sant to respond to these ladies.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. Ladies, please convey to your organization the thanks of the Grand Army of the Republic for your kind words and this beautiful bouquet. You may also say that the Grand Army of the Republic holds in high esteem the men who in 1898 went forth and in 100 days on land and sea drove the Spaniard from the continent forever and gave greater liberties to those across the sea. No more beautiful sight than happened during the war of 1898 between Spain and America. It was down there in Cuba when the sons of the men who wore the blue and the sons of the men who wore the gray fought side by side under your gallant leader Theodore Roosevelt and the Confederate Gen-

eral Wheeler. Ever since that time we have had a more united North and South. We thank you very much.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Officer of the day, you will escort the ladies to the outpost.

Comrade R. L. CHASE, of Iowa. Commander in chief, this basket or bouquet was left here to be presented to you. It comes from Lawton Camp Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. A committee from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary (the national president, accompanied by Kate Raynor, Mary Enlow and Zella Kimbley). Mrs. Raynor, of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. KATE RAYNOR. Commander in chief, and my fathers, all, we are blood of your blood, flesh of your flesh, and bone of your bone. We are filled from the crowns of our heads to the soles of our feet with the same loyalty you have exhibited all your life. You have taught us, and I need not repeat to you our devotion. I want you to understand that you need have no fear for the future. The Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary are a permanent organization and they will exist. We shall carry on. We are receiving from your hands a torch which will always be lighted with loyalty and truth for our own United States. I want to present our national president to you for just a few remarks.

Mrs. MAMIE M. DEEMS, national president Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of Los Angeles, Calif. Good morning! Cloudy outside but sunshine in. Greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic. "Their's not to reason why, their's but to do and die." Good-by!

The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel while the delegation retired.

Comrade B. C. BRYNER, of Illinois. I move that when we adjourn the quartermaster be instructed to bring to the next session a couple of megaphones so that we can hear the future speakers.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. A committee from the Woman's Relief Corps.

A committee from the Woman's Relief Corps consisting of the national president, Mrs. Catherine McBride Hoster; Past National Presidents Mrs. Ida S. McBride and Mrs. Inez Jamison Bender; and Mrs. John B. Inman, was then escorted to the platform.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, I have the honor and the pleasure to present a delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps. [Applause.] I am proud to introduce the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, my active and efficient helper during the past year, Mrs. Catherine McBride Hoster.

Mrs. HOSTER. Commander in chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, comrades of my father, you don't know what a happy privilege this is to me to come to this splendid encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, presided over by the commander in chief of the past year, and represent your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. It is the greatest honor that could come to anyone, and it is especially so to me, coming as I do, the daughter of one of them.

I am not going to take very much time, but I do want to give my report to the commander in chief [reading].

(For report, see p. 167 of this journal.)

These are but a few of the worth-while things the Woman's Relief Corps has done. Each department is busy doing whatever is needed in their particular locality.

In one department they raised enough money to repay the Grand Army for all the money they lost through the failure of banks in their State.

One department has furnished a ward in one of their hospitals in memory of the pioneer workers of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Another department has furnished 300 bedside lamps for World War boys in hospitals.

Many departments are caring for needy children. Feeding them, clothing, and giving them homes.

In another department a radio was given a blind Civil War veteran. A ward of 14 beds in a Government hospital was adopted. Sheets and pillow cases and entertainment for the ward provided.

Scholarships are provided by many departments and in all kinds of schools and colleges.

June 19, 1926, the Senate and House of Representatives adopted a joint resolution authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to accept from the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic a tablet of suitable material, design, and inscription commemorating the designation of May 30 of each year as Memorial Day by General Orders No. 11, issued from the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic on May 5, 1868, by Gen. John A. Logan, commander in chief, and to install the same in some suitable place in the amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery of Virginia.

The Woman's Relief Corps has for 43 years marched by the side of the Grand Army of the Republic as their auxiliary assisting them in whatever way their needs were presented.

One of the greatest honors and privileges that has ever come to our organization was when the commander in chief approved and accepted the plan to have their auxiliary furnish the money to pay for this tablet, thereby giving us a part in this worth-while lasting memorial.

Here comes the real commander in chief and I will take a back seat. I take great pleasure in introducing to this splendid encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the most wonderful organization in the world, the wife of your commander in chief, who has kept him straight during the past year.

Mrs. INMAN. Comrades, I deem it a great privilege indeed this morning to come before you and to look into your faces. It is needless for me to say to you that this has been a most wonderful year. It has brought so much joy and pleasure into my commander in chief's life as well as my own, that we shall always have pleasant memories of the year 1926, and the love and affection of our comrades. I can not tell you of the many delightful things that have been done for us. I thank you.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I now have the great pleasure and the honor to introduce Mrs. Robert W. McBride [applause], the mother

of our esteemed and beloved national president, Mrs. Hoster. It is but a few moments ago that by rising vote you showed your good will, sympathy, and love for Robert W. McBride, and I now have the pleasure and the honor of presenting Mrs. McBride, who will speak to you.

Mrs. IDA S. McBRIDE, of Indiana. Comrades of the Grand Army, I only come to-day to greet you in memory of my beloved husband, your comrade.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will now hear a word from Mrs. Bender, past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. She comes from Decatur, Ill.

Mrs. BENDER. Comrades, you never knew any woman who failed to accept an invitation to talk. She may not have anything worth while to say, but she wants to say it. I do come from the place, that hallowed place, where the first post of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized, Decatur.

I am just a side issue with these other ladies who have come, and somebody said as we came in, "Don't talk all day." Now, that comrade, I know, had very little for breakfast, and he wanted to get out for dinner, and I don't blame him.

All I want to say now is that the Woman's Relief Corps has been signally honored in all the work we have been permitted to do. We are signally honored and blest in having accepted the proposition to place in Arlington that beautiful tablet to the memory of the commander in chief of the Grand Army and as a memorial for the services of the rank and file of the Grand Army. More than that, we are arranging to place that memorial order on a similar tablet in every statehouse in the United States that will permit us to place it there. In addition to that, we are placing the tablet of the famous Gettysburg address in memory of you and your comrades. I thank you. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will call upon Comrade William G. Cochran, judge advocate general of the national administration, to reply to these very splendid greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Judge Advocate General WILLIAM G. COCHRAN. Commander in Chief, ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, as a representative of the Grand Army of the Republic I desire to express to you our thanks for all that you have done and for what we know you are going to do as long as the Woman's Relief Corps exists. Comrades, in this organization there is no Soviet. They are all 100 per cent Americans. As long as the Woman's Relief Corps functions in this country there will be no danger of a soviet government being established under the Stars and Stripes.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. Commander in Chief, before the ladies retire, I want to make a motion. I move that this comprehensive and exhaustive report be printed in full in the Journal of Proceedings of the Sixtieth National Encampment.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. This is always done, but we will put it as a motion. Those who favor it will please say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it and I declare it unanimously carried.

The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel as the delegation retired.

Comrade PETER H. MASS, of California and Nevada. I move that we now take a recess until 2 o'clock.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I wish the comrade would withdraw that motion until we can bring up the appointment of the committee on resolutions, that they may get at work.

Comrade JOHN AMBLER, of Ohio. I move you, sir, in order to expedite the business of this encampment, that the election of officers be made the order of business at 2 p. m. this afternoon.

(Cries of "No.")

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare that out of order.

Comrade MASS. I call for my motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The adjutant general will announce the names of the committee on resolutions.

Comrade C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, of Pennsylvania. If I am in order, I offer a motion that when the call is made for resolutions that they be presented without reading and be referred to the committee.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Unless objection is heard we will consider that the action of the encampment. It is adopted.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move that the department be called for the names of the committee on resolutions and council of administration.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. I rise to a point of order. The council of administration is an elective office and should go with the election of the other officers. I move an amendment to strike out the council of administration and limit it simply to the committee on resolutions.

Comrade COLE. I will accept the amendment, although I think it is nonsensical.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. This is not the first time that doctors have differed.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will have the departments announce the members of the committee on resolutions. The election of officers is the last business before the encampment, and will not probably occur before to-morrow. Give attention to the adjutant general.

Adjutant General HENRY B. DAVIDSON. The following departments have failed to report on members of the committee on resolutions and the national council of administration: Delaware, New Hampshire, Virginia and North Carolina. Those three departments have failed to announce the names for those committees. We would like to have them report, if possible, this afternoon.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We want the names of the resolutions committee.

The adjutant general then read the following list of the committee on resolutions as reported by the various departments:

Committee on resolutions

Department	Name	Address
Alabama.....	Henry M. Austin.....	Bradentown, Fla.
Arkansas.....	Samuel Henderson.....	Little Rock.
California and Nevada.....	J. J. Steadman.....	Hollywood, Calif.
Colorado and Wyoming.....	C. Ricketts.....	Boulder, Colo.
Connecticut.....	W. H. Shaffer.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	(No representation.)	
Florida.....	A. W. Lathrop.....	St. Cloud.
Georgia and South Carolina.....	F. A. Jones.....	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Idaho.....	John S. Thorn.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	C. T. Marsh.....	Rockford.
Indiana.....	F. M. Van Pelt.....	Anderson.
Iowa.....	J. W. Willett.....	Tama.
Kansas.....	C. C. Collins.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	T. A. Casey.....	Dayton.
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	Elihu A. Robinson.....	Amelia, La.
Maine.....	Nathaniel W. White.....	Augusta.
Maryland.....	George Prechtel.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Edwin J. Foster.....	Worcester.
Michigan.....	Oscar A. Janes.....	Detroit.
Minnesota.....	S. R. Van Sant.....	Minneapolis.
Missouri.....	W. C. Calland.....	Springfield.
Montana.....	Jas. R. Goss.....	Billings.
Nebraska.....	O. C. Bell.....	Lincoln.
New Hampshire.....	Albert T. Barr.....	Manchester.
New Jersey.....	Frank O. Cole.....	Jersey City.
New Mexico.....	E. S. Stoner.....	Albuquerque.
New York.....	Lewis S. Pilcher.....	Brooklyn.
North Dakota.....	James McCormick.....	Devils Lake.
Ohio.....	M. J. Sloan.....	Warren.
Oklahoma.....	F. E. Hills.....	Enid.
Oregon.....	D. W. Rapalce.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	C. H. Wm. Ruhe.....	Pittsburgh.
Potomac.....	Dr. James McKee.....	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island.....	Charles N. Bullock.....	Providence.
South Dakota.....	E. L. Hurlbut.....	Rapid City.
Tennessee.....	A. J. Gahagan.....	Signal Mountain.
Texas.....	John Shearer.....	Houston.
Utah.....	C. W. A. Schnell.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	C. H. Granger.....	Rutland.
Virginia and North Carolina.....	Chas. H. Haber.....	National Soldiers Home, Va.
Washington and Alaska.....	Ed C. Warner.....	Everett.
West Virginia.....	H. S. White.....	Matewan.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Ganes.....	Ripon.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Commander in Chief, I move that the comrades nominated by the different departments, whose names have been read by the adjutant general, together with the other names to be reported to the adjutant general, constitute the committee on resolutions of this encampment.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. Those in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." The motion prevails. I may

as well appoint a temporary chairman now, which I do in the person of Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher. That is the temporary chairman of the committee on resolutions.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. All comrades who have resolutions to be brought to the attention of the committee will please hand them to the member of the committee appointed from their department, who will present them at the proper time before the committee. Further, a meeting of the committee is now called for this evening at 8 o'clock at the headquarters of the commander in chief, in the Fort Des Moines Hotel. It is to-night at 8 o'clock, you understand that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. To-night at 8 o'clock, the committee on resolutions. The council of administration will not be approved and adopted until after the election. That will bring that as the last business of the encampment.

Comrade PETER H. MASS, of California and Nevada. I move that we now take a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that this encampment recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Those in favor of that motion will please say "Aye." Opposed, "No." It is carried.

(Whereupon the encampment, at 12.25 o'clock p. m., took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

The encampment reconvened at 2.15 o'clock p. m., Commander in Chief John B. Inman presiding.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Please come to order. Let us have perfect quiet now on the stage and elsewhere. I recognize Judge Advocate General Cochran, who has a statement to make.

Judge Advocate General W. G. COCHRAN. Commander and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, one year ago there was presented to this encampment by the encampment held in Grand Rapids a question for the commander to decide. The commander referred it to the judge advocate general, Comrade McBride. On February 10 he entered an opinion and returned it to Commander in Chief Inman, and on that opinion the commander in chief issued Order No. 1, Special Order No. 1. You will find it on page 37 of the commander's address, in which he holds that the person occupying the position of department commander in the Department of Oregon was not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and was therefore ineligible to hold that office. The judge advocate general had investigated the case, together with three other eminent past national commanders, and in his opinion, which you will find on page 36, No. 8, that he is not eligible. Quoting from that opinion:

Accepting the accused's own statement as true, he never did legally become a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is, therefore, not eligible to the office of department commander, and it is the duty of the members of the Department of Oregon to see to it that the office, for the remainder of the term, is filled as required by rules and regulations.

Upon that opinion the commander in chief issued this order, Special Order No. 1, dated May 1, 1926:

Parker N. Lathrop, who has been acting as department commander of the Department of Oregon, being ineligible thereto, the office is hereby declared vacant.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 2, article 6, of chapter 3 of the rules and regulations, J. F. Nelson, senior vice department commander of the department, succeeds to the title and duties of that office and performs the duties incident thereto to the end of the current term, including the convening of the council of administration of the department and the election of a junior vice department commander.

That order has been ignored. Lathrop filed a bill in the civil courts in Oregon to restrain the officers from executing that order. On temporary hearing, the bill was dismissed for want of equity. The encampment met about three weeks after that order was entered by the court, and he presided at the State encampment. He is reported here now as a past department commander from the Department of Oregon, and he has been reported here as the member of the committee on resolutions from that department.

In the discharge of my duty as the successor to Comrade McBride, who was the judge advocate general at that time, I am informed that it is my duty to make a motion to submit to this encampment the question whether or not the commander's orders shall be obeyed or shall be ignored. Therefore I move that the name of Lathrop be stricken from the roll of this encampment as a member of the encampment, and therefore not a member of the committee on resolutions.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the statement of the judge advocate general and you have heard his motion. Are you ready for the question? Those who favor that motion will please say "Aye." Opposed? It is unanimous.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. I would move you, sir, that the rules be suspended and that the order be taken up at 3 o'clock of the nomination and election of officers.

(Cries of "No.")

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Commander in Chief, there are two or three questions coming up before the encampment which ought to be determined before the election. Now, if Comrade Wetherbee will put the hour at 4 o'clock, I think it would be more satisfactory.

Comrade WETHERBEE. Very good.

Judge Advocate General W. G. COCHRAN. Commander in Chief, the first thing we must do is nominate candidates. I move to amend that motion—

Comrade COLE. He said nomination and election.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Wetherbee accepts the amendment and the hour is set to suspend the rules in order to nominate and elect officers at 4 o'clock. Let's be quiet a moment. This is a very important matter. One comrade informs me that it has never been done before, and that don't count very much with me because if the boys want to go home to-night we want to get through with the election of officers. But make it 4 o'clock. Those who favor 4 o'clock, the suspension of the rules to 4 o'clock say "Aye." Those who object say "No."

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Commander, I think this is a very important question and the rules and regulations are entirely specific. It requires a two-thirds vote, and that there shall be no misunderstanding in the future I ask the commander in chief to put the affirmative, all those in favor to rise, and then those opposed to rise, and see if there is two-thirds of the encampment.

The commander in chief directs me to announce all those who are in favor of holding the nomination and election at 4 o'clock to-day will please rise. All those who are opposed to suspending the rules will rise.

(About 25 comrades stand when the negative vote is called for.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Let's have order for a moment. I declare the motion carried by more than a two-thirds vote.

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. If there is no other business on hand just now, I would like to make a report of the trustees of the permanent fund.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You will hear a report to the memory of our former commander in chief, Charles G. Burton. All quiet, please. Be respectful to the memory of the dead.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. I desire to be heard. If I am not heard back there by North Dakota, I wish its representative would say so. Do you hear me, North Dakota? [Cries of "No."] You do. [Reading.]

(The memorial to Past Commander in Chief Charles G. Burton will be found at page 279 of this journal.)

I move the adoption of this report by the encampment.

(Motion seconded.)

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Commander in Chief, permit me to lay a slight tribute at the memory of a very wonderful comrade in the Grand Army of the Republic. I loved Comrade Burton as a man should love his brother. For more than 20 years we have been associated together on the committee on resolutions. I always found him courteous, urbane, and an able gentleman. If he was compelled to reprove, it was done in a spirit of kindness. He was loath to say any word that would arouse emotions of anger in any man's mind. It was his desire to please, and it was his further desire to do that which he believed to be right. As a soldier, as a statesman, as a member of a great and learned profession, as a citizen of the United States, and as a member of this organization he stood at the very front rank, and I am confident to-day he is numbered among the blest, and by and by when we come down from the mountain top into the valley we shall greet our comrade Burton as we met him on earth and as we loved him in life. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard the report of the committee on memorial for Comrade Burton. Those who favor its adoption will please say "Aye." A rising vote is called for. It is unanimous.

Comrade M. J. SLOAN, of Ohio. I desire to make a motion that I think is in order. I move you that we proceed at half-past 3 to the selection of a place for our next meeting. I do that so as to determine that question before the election.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will say, comrades, for the benefit of the encampment, I will say that I do not believe that we had better

tie ourselves up on anything between now and the election. If we run out of business we can take that up in the meantime.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. It does not require a suspension of the rules.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Past Commander in Chief Arensberg has a report to make here, a very important report on the permanent fund. Will you kindly listen to him?

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. Commander in Chief and comrades, you are all interested in this report, and I want you to pay strict attention to what I am about to read to you. You are individually interested. This is a report of the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic from the period of August 1, 1925, to August 1, 1926, inclusive. [Reading.]

(This report will be found at p. 144.)

Now, Commander, I move you that this report be received and filed and spread upon the minutes and incorporated in the annual report of this encampment.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I would move as an amendment that the thanks of this encampment be given to the trustees for the satisfactory manner in which they have performed their duty.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Before we put that motion I want to give you just the amount, the amount in total of the current fund and the permanent fund. The quartermaster general, after he pays some bills, will have about \$8,000 left in the current fund, and with this \$38,000 makes \$46,000 we have on hand in the treasury of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic [applause] about \$46,000.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Commander, I ask that the rules be suspended. I would like to put a motion to the comrades and I want it decided right here in the house.

Comrade COLE. Why don't you put the motion you have already made?

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Put the other motion first.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. As many as favor the motion on the report as read, the report of the trustees of the permanent fund, will say "Aye." Opposed, "No." It is carried.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I asked for a suspension of the rules so that we can take a special vote on what I am about to introduce in a motion. I will make a motion. I first want to give you a few explanatory facts, and then I want you to decide. We have, as you now already know, something like \$46,000, or a little over, of money in the treasury at our command. The Grand Army of the Republic, the way we have been conducting it, and the annual expenses, and so on, I figure out that we have money enough, if we had no other contributions or anything else coming in, to last this Grand Army of the Republic for the next 10 or 12 years. [Applause.] We have money enough to carry it on.

There has been some talk about the Grand Army dissolving and disbanding. [Cries of "Never," "No."] There is no doubt about it in my mind. That will never be done until the last comrade expires. [Applause.]

Now, what I want to say to you is that in view of the fact that we have so much money on hand I see no reason why we should hoard this money. This money was collected for the benefit of the Grand Army of the Republic and held in trust for them. Now, why not spend this money now while we are living [applause], and use it for ourselves. [Applause.]

I want you to-day to decide on a question. We have been asking you a per capita tax. We had to put it up several years ago, thinking we did not have enough money to carry on. Now I want that per capita tax reduced down to the lowest rate, away back down to the old rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents or less, and I will put the motion directly that we reduce that per capita tax and in that way we can use up some of this surplus money and get the benefit of it. I would say to you that I would put the motion that we do away with the per capita tax entirely. [Applause.] But that would not be advisable, because of one thing. If you did that, we would lose our touch with the different departments throughout the country, and we must have a string of some kind to bring them up to this national encampment, and therefore we must retain some per capita tax so that we will have always an official report from each department.

Now, then, Commander, I wish to move that we reduce the per capita tax to the old standard of $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents, rescinding all other former motions.

Q. M. Gen. COLA D. R. STOWITS. Allow me as quartermaster general to state that is my recommendation, that the per capita tax be reduced from 10 cents per man per year to $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents per man per year. My only object in doing that is, if you do not keep in touch with all your departments and keep them posted by general orders and by the traveling expenses of the commander in chief, we will die standing in our boots. [Applause.] The only way to do it is that Form C and D reports shall be sent in showing the true status of the Grand Army in every department— $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents will do it.

(Calls for the question.)

Judge Advocate Gen. W. G. COCHRAN. I want to offer an amendment to the comrade's motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is in order.

Judge Advocate General COCHRAN. I want to amend the motion by saying we will make it 4 cents; 2 cents every six months.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. We don't need the money. We only want this to keep in touch with the departments. We don't need the money. The less we can put it the better.

Judge Advocate General COCHRAN. Then I move to amend it by making it 2 cents, 1 cent every six months.

Quartermaster STOWITS. No. Just one word. The old rate of per capita tax was $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents. We raised it to 10 cents because we were shy of money. Put it back on the old basis. Everybody knows what it is, $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

(Calls for the question.)

Judge Advocate General COCHRAN. At the request of these comrades I will withdraw my amendment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The reduction is now to the old amount of 3½ cents, instead of 5 cents each six months, making it 10 cents for the total. To put it back to the old figure.

Comrade JAMES A. FISHER, of Kentucky. We collect no taxes in dues from any member.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We don't care so much about the splendid thing that your post is doing. We are legislating for the entire Grand Army of the Republic. We want to make it 3½ cents, the old rate, instead of 10 cents.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. That is the motion now, that the per capita tax be 3½ cents instead of 10 cents?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Yes. Those in favor of the motion say "Aye." Those opposed, "No." The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.

I recognize Past Commander in Chief Van Sant.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. This is a report of the committee on the future status of the Grand Army. [Reading:]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

At the Fifty-ninth Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Grand Rapids, in September, 1925, it was ordered that a committee of three should be appointed to report to the next encampment on the status of the Grand Army of the Republic, and what disposition shall be made when they pass out of existence. (Journal, p. 81.) The committee later appointed according to this direction submit the following report:

In their opinion the Grand Army's life will be prolonged for a considerable period of time. As the years pass various questions of method and policy may require consideration. At present, however, no such questions require attention. The needs of the future can best be left to the judgment of the comrades who may be assembled in encampment at the time. We, therefore, have now no recommendations to submit, and request that we be discharged as a committee.

S. R. VAN SANT,
LEWIS S. PILCHER,
JAMES TANNER.

I move the adoption of the report.
(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those who favor the motion will please say "Aye." Contrary? It is adopted.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. We are not so very far away from you, but we can not hear a word that is going on on that side of the house. I would like information as to what was done with Comrade Arensberg's motion.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. It was regularly moved and seconded that the per capita tax be reduced to 3½ cents per annum from 10 cents, as it existed prior to the increase. That motion was adopted without a dissenting vote.

Comrade WETHERBEE. What was this last report?

Comrade COLE. A committee composed of Comrade Van Sant and two other comrades, on the status of the Grand Army, that committee being appointed in accordance with the resolution adopted at Grand Rapids. It was disseminated in the newspapers that this committee was appointed for the purpose of determining the abroga-

tion of the Grand Army and the final dissolvment of the encampment. But this committee reports that the encampment is in such a healthy condition that in all probability it will outlive the estimate of the War Department that the last Civil War soldier will die in 1945.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Janes, will you come here a minute?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief OSCAR A. JANES (in the chair). Comrades, will you be quiet while the committee on the commander in chief's address makes its report?

Comrade COLE. The commander in chief wants you to hear the report of the committee on the address of the commander in chief. Are you ready for the report?

Comrade WETHERBEE. Won't the commanding officer please take the middle of the stage and not get away over on that side. We can't hear anything here. They get it all over there.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. If you don't hear me, you just sing out.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. Everyone that speaks here naturally turns his fact to the right, and the right side naturally gets the best of it.

A COMRADE. Get a left-handed man up there.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JANES. Listen to the report of the committee on the commander in chief's address.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. The committee desire to be heard and will make every effort therefor. If we are not heard we want to know it, and we give up the job to some better man. [Reading.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

The committee to which was referred the address of the commander in chief submits the following report:

The most outstanding portion of this address describes his interest in and his exertions to secure the passage of an act of Congress for increasing the amount of the pension awarded by a grateful country to the loyal veterans of the Civil War and to the widows of those who have died. The account, though brief, is suggestive of much labor done and exertion made, and fully warrants the conclusion that "Something worth while was accomplished."

The committee recommends that the encampment formally indorse the action of the commander in chief in accepting the recent pension bill as passed by Congress and approved by the President as having been wise and prudent under the circumstances.

Emphasis should be laid on the fact that at the present time under existing legislation more than 50 per cent of living veterans are receiving in fact the full sum for which original request was made by the Grand Army of the Republic, and that under the present liberal and sympathetic administration of the Pension Bureau all needy veterans will quickly receive the additional rating to which their condition may entitle them.

A particular item of disappointment in the recent bill is its failure to provide adequately for the widows of veterans in the cases in which the marriage took place after the end of the war. Why it was deemed wise to accept the bill as it is and to defer until another time attempts to remedy the defect acknowledged is sufficiently and satisfactorily set forth.

The committee notes with satisfaction the information given by the commander in chief as to the arrangements being made for placing in the amphitheater of the Arlington National Cemetery a bronze tablet presenting in enduring metal form the general order of Commander in Chief Logan of 1868, establishing for all time the future Memorial Day. The carrying out of this patriotic proposition has been made possible by the liberal offer of the Woman's Relief Corps to defray the expense of making such a tablet.

The whole of this address of Commander in Chief Inman is marked by a certain restraint and self-suppression which should command our admiration as we consider the difficulties of the year through which his administration has been carried—the best and noblest of his fellow officials dying by his side, a steady shrinking in the number of his comrades at whose head he was placed, and the even more ominous steady diminution in the ability to do their share in the world's work of the remnant that remains.

The year's record of Comrade Inman is one to give his comrades full satisfaction. We recommend that it receive the formal approval of this encampment by the adoption of this report.

LEWIS S. PILCHER,
ELL TORRANCE,
LOUIS F. ARENSBERG,
Committee.

I move the adoption of the report.

Comrade COLE. By a rising vote.

(Motion seconded.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. It has been moved and seconded that the report of the committee on the commander in chief's address be adopted by a rising vote. All who are in favor of adopting this report make it known by rising. All those opposed, the same sign. It is unanimously adopted.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Now, Mr. Vice Commander in Chief, a question of privilege.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. A question of privilege by Past Commander in Chief Pilcher.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. It is my desire that our commander in chief should hear the statement of this question. There has been a year of service, our appreciation of which we have just expressed. We have been receiving a week of hospitality. The time has come when we must soon part. This is the hour for retrospection. The hour of separation is approaching. Now, the finer, ever tender feelings of our hearts are uppermost. This is a time of "endings." How many of us who are here to-day will not gather with the comrades a year from now? The stalwarts of four years ago when we gathered here in this room; where are many of them to-day?

The man whom the commander in chief of that day four years ago learned to lean hard upon and was not disappointed was named Inman. Now, his work has been done, and to me has been assigned the pleasing duty in the name of 50,000 living comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to present to the retiring commander in chief some tangible expression of our appreciation of his services as an officer and our regard for him as a man.

In the past portraits, services of plate, resplendent badges have often constituted this offering. Four years ago a happy innovation was introduced upon this platform by the substitution of a substantial check for plate or badge. How that check was used you know—Brazil and Patagonia and Chile and Panama may answer.

Now, a similar check it is my happy privilege to hand to you, my dear commander in chief. May it be a source of great and abiding pleasure to you and to Mrs. Inman, and remember that your comrades will always love you both for what you have done and for what you are.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Pilcher and other comrades of the encampment, I am certainly proud of the fact that it is clearly known that a token of this kind is given not for its intrinsic value, because these are principles, heartfelt, fraternal fellowships that can not be computed in dollars and cents, and I shall stand ready in the future as I have in the past to do whatever is given me to do to the best of my ability. In so far as the year that is closing is concerned, as I said in my report, I did the best that I knew. Would that I could have done better. The case is in your hands, my comrades, and from you must come the verdict. [Applause.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. The chairman of the committee on the commander in chief's address has also incorporated the action of that committee in presenting to Commander in Chief Inman a token of our regard, our respect for his great work during the year. Now that committee would like the indorsement of this encampment on their action. Now, all those of you who are in favor of indorsing—I won't ask you to rise—indorsing the action of the committee in its presentation to the commander in chief our token of respect and regard to his great ability and service during the year will make it known by saying "Aye." Opposed by saying "No." It is unanimously adopted.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. Commander in Chief, I desire to read the report of the auditing committee of the current fund in the hands of the quartermaster general. [Reading:]

DES MOINES. IOWA, September 20, 1926.

Comrade JOHN B. INMAN.

*Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic and
the National Council of Administration.*

COMRADES: Your committee to whom was assigned the duty of auditing the books of Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits have performed their duty, and after carefully checking over the books we find that there is a balance on hand in the general fund of \$15,035.43, and that the balance as shown by the books is verified by the certified statement of the Peoples Bank, of Buffalo, N. Y., where the funds of the quartermaster general are deposited.

We wish to inform you that the books of the quartermaster general are kept in a very systematic and admirable way.

We also wish further to add that the Grand Army of the Republic has been fortunate in having for its financial officer one who is so capable and so thoroughly devoted to the duties devolving upon him as has been our Comrade Stowits, who now for 20 years has had the interests of that department in his keeping. He has been faithful to every trust and has performed all its duties with fidelity, accuracy, promptness, and zeal.

Respectfully submitted.

BIRT F. PARSONS.
SILAS H. TOWLER.
WILLIAM P. WRIGHT.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move the adoption of the report.

(Motion seconded.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. The motion has been made and seconded that the report of the committee on the quartermaster general's report be adopted. Are you ready for the question?

All those in favor of adopting the report will make it known by saying "Aye." Opposed by saying "No." It is unanimously adopted.

Comrade COLE. Now, commander in chief, I want to make a motion. I move that the thanks of this encampment be given to the Woman's Relief Corps for their generous act in bestowing the bronze tablet in Arlington Cemetery at their expense. I move that the thanks of the encampment be given the Woman's Relief Corps by a rising vote.

(Motion seconded.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. All those in favor of the motion will stand. Opposed, the same sign. It is unanimously carried.

Is there anything further to come before this encampment at the present time? Any further reports ready?

Comrade M. J. SLOAN, of Ohio. I move you that we proceed to the choice of a place for holding the next encampment.

(Motion seconded.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. It has been moved that we proceed to select a place for holding the encampment for the coming year. We will have a roll call upon it, so that you can vote then by departments. In the first place, there will be nominations. We will now have the invitations read that have been received by the adjutant general for the holding of the encampment next year. All those in favor of the motion that we now proceed to select a place for holding the next encampment make it known by saying "Aye." Opposed by saying "No." It is adopted unanimously, except one vote. Read the invitations. They want to know what invitations are at hand. I don't know, myself.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. To help out the matter, my motion is that we hold our next encampment, in the year 1927, in Dayton, Ohio.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Second the motion.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. We can not take action upon that until we know what other departments are asking for the encampment.

Comrade STRITCH. My motion was to take precedence of the rest.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. I have asked that the adjutant general shall read the invitations that he has received from the various cities.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. I make the suggestion that if we are to receive an invitation from any locality or city, that the party giving the invitation come to the platform and read it, so that we may know what we are asked to consider. Personally, I might want to go to Dayton; but if I had time I would tell you a story that would put you—I won't say what I was going to. It is sufficient for the purpose that I have that the bids shall be made and the invitations by those who want us, that we may know what they offer for the entertainment of the encampment.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. I have just asked the adjutant general to read the invitations. If you will just keep still so we may know——

(Cries of "Let Cole read them.")

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JANES. The adjutant general may be able to make you hear.

A COMRADE. He never has.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JANES. Now, the representative from the Department of Ohio is here who will present the invitation. The mayor of the town of Dayton is here, who will present the invitation to hold our next encampment, in 1927, in that city. Here is the managing director of the chamber of commerce, Mr. Wayne G. Lee, of Dayton, Ohio, who will now address you on that subject.

Mr. WAYNE G. LEE, of Dayton, Ohio. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, first of all I want to say to you how gracious it has been on your part to allow me, an ordinary layman, to appear before your body, the greatest patriotic organization in these United States [applause] to present to you a little cause which is near and dear to my heart, and which I hope and trust when I get through will be just as near and dear to your heart.

Comrades, I represent a great civic consciousness. I am here as the ambassador of the citizenship of a great community in which I live. I am here, my friends, as an envoy from the concerted organizations, military, civic, and fraternal, of the Gem City of Ohio which has empowered me, as Rowan carried the message to Garcia, to invite you men to assemble in the city of Dayton, Ohio, for your encampment in 1927. [Applause.]

My dear comrades, in the words of Paul, "I come from no mean city." Anyone who is a resident of the community from which I hail regards and respects that citizenship beyond measure, and to be a citizen of the Gem City of Ohio means that you have taken upon yourself a deep-seated obligation whereby you pledge yourself to not only work for your city but, if need be, to make the supreme sacrifice.

These words to you may seem to you just words of sentiment, but if you were in my midst, if you lived in the community where I came from, or if you were to make a small visit to that community from where I come, I believe you would coincide with the references that I have made.

Now, why do we as citizens of Dayton, Ohio, desire that you men, desire that this great Grand Army should meet with us at least upon one occasion? I have heard it said while I have been here that Ohio is hoggish, but let me say, my friends, to you, that Dayton, a part of the great State of Ohio, has had only upon one occasion the opportunity to entertain your honorable order, and that was away back 47 years ago when we were small, and possibly you were small, when Dayton was only in its swaddling clothes.

To-day we want you to come to Dayton, not simply because of your numbers, but we want you to come to Dayton with the spirit of the Grand Army, with that spirit of patriotism which we need, and which every city or every community needs in this great, growing age of selfishness and this age of uncertainty.

What have we to offer you in return for that spirit which we want you to give us? I am charged, my friends, by the governor of the national military home, the largest institution of its kind within the portals of the United States, which sits upon a hill to the west

of Dayton overlooking that great Miami Valley; I am charged by him to say to you that if you accept the invitation of Dayton on this occasion, the boys in blue at the Soldiers' Home will throw open wide the gates and receive you as brothers in arms and will give to you every service and everything that that institution might afford. And he wanted me to say to you that he hoped and trusted you would accept the invitation of Dayton so that those boys who are now stationed there and can not meet with you will have a golden opportunity of again, before the closing days of their life, to meet with you in one great, grand, national encampment.

Do I have to recount to you the importance of the Soldiers' Home, an institution that has cost this Government over two and one-half millions of dollars, which comprises 578 acres of land, 210 acres of which is in lawns, 10 miles in roadways, the balance in gardens, which has 137 buildings, and which to-day houses over 2,700 soldiers of all the wars of these United States, included among them 669 veterans of the Civil War? Those are the men that I am speaking for, my friends, as well as the civic forces of the city from which I come.

What else have we for you? We have the greatest fertile valley in America. Is it egotism on my part to say we have in Dayton the greatest inland town in America? No. I do not want to be a man of braggadocio, but I do want to say that I believe in spirit, I believe in citizenship, that there is no city within the bounds of this country that boasts a citizenship equal to that of Dayton, and I can pledge to you as the representative of the civic institutions that if you will accept the invitation of the Gem City of Ohio that you will be given the greatest entertainment, that you will have the greatest encampment in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yes, my friends, we ask you to come to Dayton, the Gem City, the fairest in Ohio's diadem. We hope and trust that you will accept our invitation so that we can show you those great, broad streets that we have, the finest place for a procession probably that the G. A. R. in these later years has ever been given. I would like to picture to myself that grand parade held here yesterday coming down a street 100 feet wide, with the bands playing martial music, tramping to the tunes of Old Glory, and I say to you you will see the finest picture you ever saw in all of your official career.

We will offer to you the services, we will offer to you all the things that 1,000 model factories of the world have to offer; we will give to you the finest recreation in a city owning a million dollar park, a city owning an amphitheater where we will give you amusement, enjoyment, edification, and education. We will give you an opportunity to see in this present day, my friends, a great display in aviation, for Dayton is not only the birth place of the airplane, but we are the center of the world for aviation.

Now, as a final word, we will accept the specifications of the Grand Army of the Republic, whatever they may be, in order to meet the demands necessary to give you the entertainment that you demand and which you are entitled to. I thank you. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, I think I voice the inquiry of every comrade within the sound

of what I am saying. What has Dayton got to offer us in the shape of hotels, money appropriation, and the financial end of this affair? I have heard nothing in that regard. I ask his honor, the mayor, what are you going to do to quarter the balance of us that can not sleep in the extra rooms in the Soldiers' Home? Shall we go to the common lobby of some barracks, or have you the hotel capacity and have you made the appropriation? It costs money to entertain the national encampment. Let us have the information. [Applause.]

Mr. LEE. I will make it just as brief as possible. I thought when I presented the invitation that my comrades understood that we would meet the specifications. The city of Dayton is a larger town than Des Moines, Iowa—177,000 population—and when we get through our program of annexation we will have 225,000. We feel that we have the proper hotel and other accommodations to take care of you men or we would not have given this invitation. If it takes \$15,000 or \$18,000 to entertain you, I will guarantee that that money will be raised. Dayton can not afford to come here and extent an invitation that it can not back up. [Applause.]

Comrade J. G. OULSON, of Illinois. I want to ask the gentleman from Ohio one question.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. There is a representative of the Daughters of Veterans anxious to come in and just simply say a word, have it over with and go out, and then we will proceed with the other business. She has been waiting some time.

Comrade CHARLES O. BROWN, of Illinois. I rise to second the proposition that the next encampment shall go to Dayton, and I am——

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. You are out of order. Comrades, just give attention, because we have a delegation from the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. No warmer friends of the Grand Army of the Republic exist than these grand women. (Presenting a committee composed of Past National Presidents Lola S. Elliott and Mabelle Plymire, and Louisa Mitchell, of Illinois.) A past national president of the order will say a few words to you.

Mrs. LOLA S. ELLIOTT, of Des Moines, Iowa, Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I was very happy indeed when the national president told me that I was to bring, as chairman, with my other two members, the greetings and the love of the Daughters of the Union Veterans to you. Had I been choosing my special work for this encampment I should have chosen this very thing, because there is no place on earth that I would rather be than with the Grand Army of the Republic. Of course I expect that heaven may be a better place, but I expect all of you to be there with me.

I am expected to be very brief, of course. They are waiting the election back up in our convention hall, and so I want to present to the commander in chief this basket of flowers from the Daughters of Union Veterans, with the love and the greetings, Commander Inman, of the daughters, and we want you to know that we still are with you; we still are loving you just as we always have, and we still expect to come to these encampments for years and years and years, because you boys [applause]——

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. So do we.

Mrs. ELLIOTT. You boys are to last these many, many years. This is not a funeral for you by any means. Now in closing I just want to give you a little toast that I gave at the camp fire at our department convention in Iowa in June:

Here's to a word with a thrill all its own.

It sets our hearts ringing with glad joyous tone.
With a clasp of the hand and a gleam in the eye,
And a friendship so tender it brings heaven nigh.

C stands for country you fought long to save,
O for Old Glory, and long may it wave.
M for you men of the North, brave and true,
R the reward that is justly your due,
A for America, the world's hope and pride;
D for your daughters who will stand by your side,
E their endeavor to bring comfort and cheer,
S for you soldiers whom we love and revere.

The whole word is "Comrades," and our hearts thrill anew,
As we pledge our allegiance forever to you.

[Applause.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. Now I will introduce to you Mrs. Louisa Mitchell, department president of the Daughters of Veterans of the State of Illinois.

Mrs. MITCHELL. Commander in Chief and the Grand Army of the Republic—the greatest army on earth—I am so happy and I will never forget as long as I live that I was honored to-day by coming to you. I wanted to come to present to the Illinois Commander in Chief Inman a gift from the State of Illinois. When our national president put me on her committee I thought that God had answered my prayer and helped me to get in here so as to present this little gift to our commander in chief, Comrade Inman, of Illinois. [Applause.] Use it as you see fit.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Mrs. Mitchell, I thank you very much for this.

The encampment was called to its feet by the gavel as the delegation retired.

Quartermaster General COLA D. R. STOWITS. In order to save time I wish to read to you the cities that have extended an invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic for 1927. Toronto, Canada; Montreal, Quebec; Detroit, Mich.; Denver, Colo.; Philadelphia, Pa.; New York City. Now then we would be swallowed up alive in those large cities. We can not think of it, and it is useless for us to go to work and read all this stuff. Now you know the cities that have extended an invitation, and therefore you can act accordingly. I wrote each one of these gentlemen:

We acknowledge receipt of the very courteous invitation extended to the Grand Army of the Republic to hold its 1927 encampment in your city. We deeply appreciate your kindness. This, of course, is a matter that must be presented to and acted upon by the national encampment in regular session, which this year meets at Des Moines, Iowa, during the week beginning September 19. I shall see that your city is properly presented to the encampment.

Respectfully yours,

C. D. R. STOWITS,
National Quartermaster General.

Now you know what cities have extended an invitation and you can judge for yourself.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JANES. This is Past Department Commander Moulton, of the City of Washington.

Comrade HOSEA B. MOULTON, of the Potomac. Mr. Commander, just a few hours before I left Washington City to come to this encampment these papers that I hold in my hand were placed with me with the direction that I should present them to this encampment, to extend to you on behalf of the city of Washington and all the patriotic societies that we have there an invitation to hold your next encampment in 1927, in the early part of September, in said city. I am going to ask this gentleman at my left to read them. His eyes are better than mine, and he has a fine voice. I love to hear him read, and I know you do.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. An invitation from the members of the Grand Army of the Republic residing in Washington; an invitation from the District Commissioners of Washington, saying:

Learning of your intention to attend the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Des Moines * * * we have the honor to request that you extend on their behalf a cordial invitation to the members of your distinguished organization to hold the encampment in 1927 in this city, the Nation's Capital, the one city in which all citizens of this glorious Nation have a patriotic interest, and especially is this true of the members of the G. A. R.

It has been nearly a quarter of a century since you honored us by holding your reunion here, and the people of the District will hail with profound pleasure the news that you will be with us, and a hearty welcome awaits you.

Hoping your comrades will act favorably on our invitation, and with all good wishes, I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

CUNO H. RUDOLPH,

President Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

An invitation from the office of the War Department, Chief Chemical Warfare Service, General Fries. An invitation from the board of trade; an invitation from the Rotary Club; an invitation from the Federation of Citizens' Associations of the District of Columbia; an invitation from the headquarters of the Department of the District of Columbia United Spanish War Veterans:

I very cordially approve of such an invitation being extended, and send to the grand old G. A. R. the heartfelt homage of the Department of the District of Columbia, United Spanish War Veterans, and sincerely trust we will have the honor of greeting them with the glad hand of friendship and welcome in 1927.

An invitation from the Washington Convention Bureau. You see we have an invitation from every civic society in Washington.

Comrade MOULTON. In Washington we have everything that you can desire, hotels, street cars, automobiles, theaters, and practically everything open to you free, except I expect your hotel bills. I expect there as here you will have to pay for your lodging and your food to some extent. Every society in all the District of a patriotic turn of mind joins in this invitation. In that city we have those things, but the thing that impresses my mind most is the grandeur, the magnificent beauty, and the patriotic enthusiasm of seeing these grand old boys march up Pennsylvania Avenue again as they did in 1865, with their banners flying. That is what will give us a greater degree of pleasure than anything else, to see you march up or ride

up—I doubt if you march—you will ride in automobiles, every one of you, up Pennsylvania Avenue, and be reviewed by the President of the United States. He will feel most keenly the honor. I thank you.

Comrade C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, of Pennsylvania. We have heard several invitations. We have heard the invitation from Dayton. The representative was recalled and he made the pledge that they would meet all the specifications of the Grand Army of the Republic for the 1927 encampment. I therefore offer the motion that we accept the invitation of Dayton, Ohio, for the next national encampment.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JANES. In the first place I am going to have a presentation of all the places desiring it, and then you make your selection by motion.

Comrade RUHE. I thought we were through.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JANES. No, sir. There are other places asking for it.

Comrade JOHN McELROY, of the Potomac. I want the comrades to understand that that invitation from Washington—I want them to think over it very carefully—that is pretended to be presented by those documents. We don't want the encampment to meet at Washington, D. C. We are not ready for it. The city is in a condition of rebuilding. No thought about it. Washington people could not give you anything like the reception received in the smaller cities. I want you to think over that before you vote to come to Washington.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JANES. Any other city got representatives here?

Comrade J. E. GANDY, of Washington and Alaska. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am instructed by our department, the Department of Washington and Alaska, which passed a resolution to that effect in our encampment in June, to present Seattle as a candidate for the next encampment. We have an invitation here from the board of trade, from the chamber of commerce, from the mayor of the city, and 12 or 15 other organizations there that represent several hundred men each. We can finance it. We can raise \$30,000 to finance this encampment. We never have had an encampment in the State of Washington. I realize that we are at one side of the territory, but you must remember that we have been coming East for 45 years. You came once to Oregon, the only time you were in the Northwest in more than 60 years. Remember that our 2,000 Grand Army men in the State of Washington would be pleased to have you visit us once, when you have visited Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and other States five and six times with your encampment. Come to us. It is no farther to come to us than it is for us to go to you.

While the majority of you may now favor the city of Dayton, the city of Seattle contains more than 400,000 people. It contains the best hotels in the Northwest. We can accommodate a hundred thousand people. We did when the Masons were there two years ago; we accommodated a hundred thousand outside of our city. We can do that and do it handsomely. We can finance this. We can guarantee to you from twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars, and I will bring you three men that will guarantee two-thirds of the thirty thousand right now, if you want a guaranty.

We are in earnest. This invitation is extended because we want justice. We believe in justice. We believe that once in 60 years is justice for Washington, and not six or seven times in one State in the Mississippi Valley. Come to our city of Seattle. Come to our State of Washington for your first time. Remember that we are comrades as you are. We served Uncle Sam during the war just as you did. We are just as enthusiastic. We have two homes near Seattle. There are 600 men in those two homes, as many as there are in the National Home at Dayton. They want to go to an encampment just as bad as the old boys at Dayton in the home there do. Give them an opportunity once in 60 years. Be just, be fair. That is all that is asked of you. [Applause.]

Comrade HALSEY M. RHOADS, of Colorado and Wyoming. I would state that the name of the town that I am representing is no stranger to the comrades here. You all know the name of Denver thoroughly, and we are prepared to take care of you, as many as might come, and I will guarantee that the money will be raised. I have letters here from the governor of the State inviting us very cordially, also the chamber of commerce, the city of Denver, the city council, and the tourist bureau. We have hotel accommodations for at least 100,000. We have just built a new hotel in the last year. We have got scenery that can not be excelled anywhere in America, I don't care where you go. We have got plenty of automobiles. We have got plenty of street cars. The street-car service will be free, perfectly free, to all comrades wearing the button. I have got invitations right here from all of these societies I speak about. We would like very much to have you come there again. We live in the zone of perpetual sunshine and very few rains. We have arranged to fix it so there is no rain in September—got that fixed. [Laughter.] I have got no objections to Dayton, Ohio. Ohio is a great State, and a great many good big men were born there. I was born there myself, I know about it. But we would like to have you boys all come to Denver again. We took care of you 21 years ago, and we are ready to duplicate that now if you want it. We do hope that you will make up your mind to visit us again before you quit. Denver is the name.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. If there are no other invitations we will listen to any of those who desire to second any of the invitations. The names thus far presented are Dayton, Ohio; Washington, D. C.; Seattle, Wash.; and Denver, Colo. They all ask for it. Now, Comrade Brown.

Comrade CHARLES O. BROWN of Illinois. I wish first of all to express my regret that I arose when a lady had already arisen and had obtained the attention of the chair. Far be it from me to be discourteous to a lady. But my vision is such that I did not see her, and my hearing is such that I had not heard that she had obtained the floor. So, for that apparent mistake, I ask your forgiveness.

Now, I wish to second the nomination or invitation of the city of Dayton, not merely because I am an Ohio veteran, chiefly because it is near the center of Grand Army population. It will be easier for the whole body of the Grand Army to reach Dayton than to reach any other city that has been mentioned. [Applause.] And as

to the possibilities and the guaranties, I undertake to say that if upon a careful canvass of the ability to entertain, it should be found that a new hotel would be necessary, the great State which gave Hayes and Garfield and McKinley and Taft to the Presidency will put one up between now and the time of meeting. Dayton should have the next meeting. [Applause.]

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH of New York. I made the motion that we go to Dayton. It was announced that New York City was desirous of holding the encampment. I am a resident of New York City, and it is the first intimation that I have heard that New York City wanted it. I am opposed to New York City having it, but I am in favor of Dayton. That is the reason why I made the motion that our next encampment would be held in the city of Dayton, Ohio.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. I want to know this, if there are any more cities than the four that have been named that are asking for the encampment—Dayton, Seattle, Washington, and Denver. Any others? If not, then we will close that.

Comrade JOHN McELROY, of the Potomac. On behalf of the Department of the Potomac, I second the nomination of Dayton, Ohio.

Comrade JAMES R. MILNER, of California and Nevada. I desire to move that the roll of States be called for the selection of the next encampment.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move that the rules be suspended and the city of Dayton be selected as the place of the next national encampment.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. A motion has been made and seconded that the rules be suspended and that we select Dayton, Ohio, as the next place to hold the national encampment. That requires a two-thirds vote. All those in favor of that rise. All those in favor rise.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, of Massachusetts. Not a man here can hear what you say.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. A two-thirds vote has been cast in favor of Dayton, Ohio.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Just a moment, please. In a spirit of fairness I ask that a call of the roll be given.

Comrade J. E. GANDY, of Washington and Alaska. I second the motion.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Let us be fair to every city. I have never seen a place selected by this so-called two-thirds vote. We have always called the roll. Let us treat the minority, if such there be, fairly.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. Some of the comrades have come more than a thousand miles. I move that the roll be called and that we record the vote by departments.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. That will be done, and the votes recorded.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. As each department is called, let the department commander arise and announce the number of votes and the place for which he wants those votes counted.

The roll of departments was then called by Comrade Cole, with the following result:

Department	Dayton	Seattle	Denver	Washington
Alabama	3	1		
Arkansas	5			
California and Nevada		47		
Colorado and Wyoming	14		4	
Connecticut	8	3		
Delaware				1
Florida	9	1		
Georgia and South Carolina	1		4	
Idaho	1		3	
Illinois	25	9	1	1
Indiana	28			
Iowa	32	4		2
Kansas	15	1	12	
Kentucky	14			
Louisiana and Mississippi	6			
Maine	8			
Maryland	12	1		
Massachusetts	26	2		
Michigan	20	1		
Minnesota	14	4		
Missouri	12	5	2	1
Montana		9		
Nebraska	4	10	9	
New Hampshire	9			
New Jersey	26			
New Mexico	2			
New York	51			2
North Dakota		1	6	
Ohio	37			
Oklahoma	8	3	8	
Oregon		11		
Pennsylvania	48			
Potomac	10			1
Rhode Island	11			
South Dakota	3	5	1	1
Tennessee	7			
Texas	6			
Utah		4		
Vermont	10			1
Virginia and North Carolina	3			
Washington and Alaska		17		
West Virginia	6	5		
Wisconsin	12	3		1

Comrade COLE. Comrades, be quiet and listen to the announcement of the vote. Washington, 11; Denver, 50; Seattle, 147; Dayton, 506.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. I recognize the comrade from Washington.

Comrade J. E. GANDY, of Washington and Alaska. As a candidate for the encampment at Seattle, being the second highest, I move that this encampment unanimously indorse Dayton for our next encampment.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief JAMES. Dayton had a majority and was elected. The motion just made was by the comrade from Washington that it be made unanimous. All those in favor of making it unanimous say "Aye." Contrary, "No." So Dayton

stands now as the unanimous selection for the next national encampment.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. It is 30 minutes past 4, and I move that the roll be called for nominations for commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF (in the chair). We will now proceed to the nomination and election of officers. The motion is that we do proceed. All in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is carried. Call the roll for nominations.

Comrade COLE. The commander in chief directs me to announce that nominating speeches shall be confined to 10 minutes and seconding speeches to 1 minute. That is the rules and regulations.

The roll was then called without response until Colorado and Wyoming was reached.

Comrade H. O. DODGE, of Colorado and Wyoming. Comrades, the Department of Colorado and Wyoming places in nomination James E. Jewel, of Fort Morgan, Colo. Comrade Jewel was unanimously indorsed by the department encampment in June. His mental, moral, and physical qualifications will measure up to the best. He comes from the Centennial State. We have just celebrated our fiftieth birthday. We have never had a commander in chief, and if you will enlarge your area for selecting commanders in chief you will come into Colorado. I pledge you that if he is elected he will do the work in a manner creditable to himself and the national encampment. [Applause.]

The roll of the departments was called without response until Kansas was reached.

Comrade W. P. CAMPBELL, of Kansas. Commander in Chief and comrades, I want your attention now if I can get it. I am not going to proceed until I can get your attention. When I get it I will close up in a very few minutes.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Please give the comrade your attention.

Comrade CAMPBELL. I am commissioned, comrades, to present to this body for their choice for the highest office we have, of commander in chief, one of the comrades whom we believe to be worthy, able, and competent for the position. We think he will make you an excellent commander in chief. We do not say that he put down the Rebellion, though he did enlist at a tender age and served for awhile as a drummer boy and learned to play the reveille and the breakfast call and tattoo, and perhaps would have played the long roll if he had been ordered by his commanding officer to do so. But seeing the gallantry of the young man or young boy, they transferred him to another line of service and he became a carrier of dispatches. He served through the war and was honorably discharged, and carried home honorable wounds received in the open field of battle.

I do not think that he is the most learned man in our department. Take me, for instance, I think I am better posted in Scripture than he is. But he knows immeasurably more than I do about the history and the laws and the rules and regulations and the ideals and purposes of the Grand Army of the Republic than I do, or any other man that I know of. He gained his knowledge by long years of service, because his motto is, "I serve."

I expect I had better, before I forget it, and you begin to call for his name, that I had better tell you who he is. In a business way he spells his name P. H. Coney. [Applause.] We of us in Kansas who love him best call him "Pat," and, if you are in hearing distance of a group of Kansas Grand Army men and you hear any of them say "Pat" you know whom they are referring to.

Now, we are hoping here to-day that you in your wisdom and generosity will enable us hereafter to call him Maj. Gen. Patrick Henry Coney, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is unnecessary in the brief time that I have, comrades, to go over the service he has rendered during the last half century. I am told that this is the forty-fourth national encampment he has attended; that during this half century he has assisted in making 41 commanders in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has been instant and forward in every work and word for the betterment and benefit of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Union soldiers and their dependents. Perhaps no man in Kansas at any rate has been more serviceable to his comrades than Pat Coney. Everybody admits that.

I have a letter from one of your most distinguished comrades and leaders in which he says that nothing can be said in favor of the ability and the services of Pat Coney that he would disagree with.

Comrades, it is not necessary for me to repeat what has been so often said, that Kansas has several times tried to get a commander in chief and a great many have admitted that in all fairness it ought to have one; that now in the eleventh hour, at any rate, that we ought to have the privilege of handing down to our descendants that Kansas in this time of its history was honored with that high position as a recognition of the troubles and tribulations through which Kansas had come up in its march to the stars; that it had earned something, some recognition——

(Calls of "Time.")

The commander says I may finish. I haven't got into the best part of my speech yet, but I am going to finish right now if you will quit. I want to say in conclusion, comrades——

A VOICE. Name your candidate.

What? I have told you all about that. All I want to say is that whatever you do will be satisfactory with us. It is all right with us. When you exercise your own judgment and your own interest, Kansas will be all right. It will have no complaint. Comrades, may you live long and prosper, and may the Grand Army of the Republic be handed down to the memories of future generations, and honor and glory and adulation be to your name forever.

The calling of the roll was continued without further reply until Nebraska was reached.

Comrade O. C. BELL, of Nebraska. Comrades, it is not my purpose at this time to enter into any biography of my candidate. Every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic is eligible to the office of commander in chief. I desire to nominate a comrade who came to Nebraska in the early history of its organization and located as one of the lawyers of that great Commonwealth. I have to nominate a comrade that I presented at our last encampment, Comrade John Reese, of Broken Bow, Nebr. [Applause.]

Comrade Reese served 18 years in the United States Land Office. During that time he served the comrades of Nebraska, which at that time had reached the number of over 30,000, who pioneered the great State of Nebraska and made it what it is to-day. Comrade Reese during his brief term of 18 years in the United States Land Office had over 1,500 contest cases, three of which only were reversed. I think that is a very commendable record for one so long in the service.

And now I present Comrade Reese to this encampment for the high office of commander in chief, and I know if he is elected you never will have cause to regret that selection, and I trust and hope that you will give your decision in our favor. I thank you.

Comrade SMITH STIMMEL, of North Dakota. I rise to second the nomination of Comrade John Reese.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Not in order. Proceed with the roll call.

The roll call was continued without further response until New York was called.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Now, comrades, please give Comrade Tanner attention. Every minute means suffering to him.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Can I sit down before I begin? I am under a double compliment here to-day in this way: I reside in the Department of the Potomac, city of Washington. I have in my pocket a request signed by the commander of that department, the two vice commanders, three of the four delegates, asking me to present before you the name of their favorite son. Besides that, the Department of New York, where I hold my Grand Army membership, and shall until they have laid me away in Arlington. by unanimous vote the other night—51—agreed to support the candidate the Potomac has asked me to present. And my heart is in it and with it and for it.

The candidate I name to you was a boy of less than 10 on Shiloh's field, a drummer boy who tore out of the bowels of his drum the long roll that roused Grant's troops to a hasty assemblage to withstand the onslaught of the Confederate forces that were being led by Albert Sidney Johnston and Beauregard. John L. Clem is the man. [Applause.]

A drummer boy as I have said at Shiloh. Chickamauga's bloody field found him on that as a drummer boy, and there a rebel shell tore his drum from his side and smashed it. He threw it away and grabbed a gun—he was not 12 years of age—and he shot a rebel colonel out of the saddle and got away. His superior officer, old "Pop" Thomas, after the incident and after the fight, sent for Johnnie, listened to his story, questioned him, found it was just as the officer had reported to him, and then he said to Clem, "It is all right, my son. I appoint you an orderly sergeant on my staff." And he did, and Johnnie Clem, whose little legs could hardly encompass the saddle, rode the balance of the war with the Rock of Chickamauga. When it was over Thomas told him to go home and get an education. And he tried for West Point, and General Grant appointed him. But like many another good man, who proved superior afterwards, Clem failed at West Point on mathematics. Lots of us would have failed.

But he went to Washington at once, saw Grant and asked a favor of him. He wanted General Grant, who was then President, to order another examination for him dated six months ahead so that he could bone up on mathematics. Grant remembered him from Shiloh. Grant had said to Thomas when he found Johnnie Clem in his tent at Chickamauga, "Where did you find Johnnie Clem?" Thomas says, "I found him on the field of Chickamauga." Grant says, "I found him at Shiloh." So Grant said to Clem, "Excuse me." And he picked up his pen and he wrote a little note, read it over and signed it, sealed it and addressed it, and handed it to Clem and said, "Take that over to the Secretary of War and see what he says."

So Johnnie paddled over from the White House to the War Department and presented it to the Secretary of War, who read it with interest, and then looking up at Clem he said, "My boy, do you know what this is?" "No, sir," said Johnnie, "the President did not read it to me. He wrote it, sealed it up, and addressed it to you and told me to bring it over and see what you said." "Well," he says, "what I have to say is this. This is an order from President Grant appointing you second lieutenant in the United States Army." There is where he commenced in the Regular Army, and he has gone up step by step until he has gone as high as he can go. He is a retired major general of the United States Army, and that is the top of the ladder that commenced with the roll of the drum at Shiloh. [Applause.]

The poet has written, "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war"; and what I most want to pour into your ears to-day is the fact that Johnnie Clem fought a battle within the last year that exceeds in its usefulness any he ever did before. At Grand Rapids a year ago they passed a resolution designating what we wanted our legislative committee to do, try to get more compensation for the old veterans, and Commander Inman appointed Johnnie Clem chairman of that legislative committee. The committee formulated their bill. Clem took it to the chairman of the House Committee on Pensions, Judge Fuller, of Illinois. Fuller looked at it and said, "I won't have anything to do with it. The President will veto it. That is certain." Johnnie says, "Give him a chance. He can't veto it if you don't pass it, and if you don't pass it you are vetoing it." I could say more about Judge Fuller, but God touched him and he is in his grave.

Then they got Congressman Elliott, of Indiana—God bless him. He took our bill and put it in. He cheerfully consented to do that, and stand for it. Then commenced a campaign that, believe me, was a campaign, and Johnnie Clem ran it. He went to every individual Senator and Member of the House whose ear he could get, and he got them all. One Senator said to me, talking about it he says, "You Grand Army men, you are pretty well represented by that persistent little cuss." "Yes," I said, "Senator, he is persistent, and don't forget it, but his persistency is in an A No. 1 cause." So he ran the campaign. He told these Senators and Representatives, man after man, "Give him a chance, if you are so sure Coolidge is going to veto it. You may possibly be mistaken; give him a chance."

(Calls of "Time.")

I have been with you for 58 years, and I am at my fifty-first national encampment without a break. I have given you a good

deal of time, but you are right. I will epitomize, and the epitome of it is that now when it came to a roll call we decided it was time to move, and Congress voted unanimously for that bill, and when Clem took it to the White House the President saw a light and concluded that whatever Congress could pass unanimously he could well afford to sign. And he signed it. And now what we want to do to-day is, if you want to help the widows, if you want to help your own old comrades in this work that they are doing, clothe Johnnie Clem, give him the power and the prestige of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and then he will fight that other fight, and we will help the widows up to \$50 a month, and they will be saved some privation. [Applause.]

The calling of the roll was continued without further response until the Department of the Potomac was reached.

Comrade JOHN T. RYAN, of the Potomac. Commander and comrades, my comrades, I feel in this position I would have to have a tongue of a ready orator to follow such a noble character as Corporal Tanner. I have known him for many years. But I am directed by the Department of the Potomac to present Hosea B. Moulton, past department commander of the Department of the Potomac, and an aggressive member of the organization.

Judge Moulton, a lawyer by profession, served several years on the bench and has been in the active practice of the law for more than 50 years past in the Supreme Court of the United States and other courts, and has achieved for himself a standing in his profession and in the community and the city of Washington, where he resides, equal to that of any other citizen of the country.

At the beginning of the Civil War he left college in the State of New Hampshire, enlisted in the Second New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Army of the Potomac. His first engagement being that of the Battle of Bull Run, he continued in the service in the various engagements of the Army of the Potomac, was twice wounded at Fredericksburg, and continued in the service of the United States until after Lee's surrender at Appomattox. He was with his regiment in its actions, including the great battle of Gettysburg, where three-fifths of the members of his regiment were left on the field of battle killed or wounded.

The Department of the Potomac, in nominating Judge Moulton for commander in chief, adopted the following resolution:

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 23, 1926.*

Upon motion of Past Department Commander John W. Reid, the following motion was duly adopted:

"Resolved by the members of the Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled this 23d day of February, 1926, That we hereby indorse our comrade, Judge Hosea B. Moulton as our candidate for commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we hereby instruct our delegation in the national encampment to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, in September, 1926, to present his name to the national encampment and use their efforts to secure his election.

GEORGE H. KUNSMAN,
Senior Vice Commander,
Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic.
 O. H. OLDROYD,
Assistant Adjutant General,
Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic.

And thereafter comrades of the Department of the Potomac, in presenting his claims to this encampment for its indorsement, signed and executed the following petition:

By direction of the above resolution we take very great pleasure in presenting the name of Judge Hosea B. Moulton, of Washington, D. C., as our candidate for commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. We will secure by his selection the services of an able, learned, and patriotic leader, who will give the Grand Army of the Republic not only an able and patriotic administration of its affairs but he will secure and maintain the principles for which we fought in the sixties and for which President Lincoln and so many thousands of our brave comrades gave their lives to sustain the Republic, and his election will secure the most intelligent and best pension legislation that can be obtained.

We most earnestly solicit your active support of Judge Moulton for commander in chief.

Chas. Volney Petteys, commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.; Geo. H. Kunsman, senior vice commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.; A. R. Bennett, junior vice commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.; E. D. Godfrey, assistant quartermaster general, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.; Briscoe Goodhart, past department commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.; John W. Reid, past department commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.; O. H. Oldroyd, for years assistant adjutant general, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.; John T. Ryan, senior vice commander post, G. A. R.; S. G. Mawson, past commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.; Aaron H. Frear, past commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.; William Tindall, past commander, Burnside Post, G. A. R.; W. M. Bobb, representative national encampment, G. A. R.; Nelson J. Booker, commander and representative to national encampment, G. A. R.

I therefore present the name of Hosea B. Moulton, a valiant soldier who served his country in time of war, and we feel satisfied in presenting his name, that if he is elected his time and labor will be given to the advancement of the interests of our order and to the protection and furtherance of our Christian American civilization. He is a man that has been tried and never found wanting.

The roll call was continued without further response until Wisconsin was reached.

Comrade CHARLES H. HENRY, of Wisconsin. A great honor has been conferred upon me by the Department of Wisconsin. That honor is to introduce to you our beloved comrade, Past Commander in Chief Van Sant, of Minnesota, who is to make the nominating speech of the candidate from Wisconsin.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. Commander-in-chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it will be a sorry day when the Grand Army of the Republic finds that there is no fight for commander in chief. I was told before we proposed to name a candidate out our way that there was no use, that the prairies were afire, and that the great big departments down East had concluded that they would settle the matter before we came here, and that we might as well accept without a fight. I am not built that way, so I propose to name a comrade who in my judgment at the present time will make the best candidate for commander in chief for the Grand Army of the Republic.

With all due respect to the splendid reputation and fine oratory of our friend Tanner—I admire Johnnie Clem for his ability and service in the Army as much as any man can. First, I want to

speak of a subject that was mentioned here, and that is the subject of pensions. Who wins our pensions for us? I will tell you whom it was. It was the man whom one year ago you made commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic—Comrade John B. Inman.

In the last analysis I will tell you who secured your pensions. It was your comrades away back sixty-odd years ago, who fought over 2,000 battles, saved the Union, and retained every star on the nation's flag. The Government will keep faith with you. So we will pass the matter of pensions.

I am going to promise to quit before my time is up. If you are any more tired than I am, I pity you. We are handicapped in this fight. The so-called soldiers' paper for weeks and weeks has been booming one candidate while the other five had no mention to speak of. That is not fair. That is not right. If it is a soldier's paper, it should not do that. It is a misnomer. It is not a soldier's paper at all. [Applause.] I have got the courage to say it, too, right here. That paper, and its vice president has lent his name to it, solicited our dear old comrades, our crippled soldiers and their widows, and they paid their money to the Bursum fund when they should have kept it at home. It is hard to say this my comrades, but I am saying now what I think is for the best interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. I can not vote for a man, I care not what his record has been, who through a newspaper will give his name to securing money from our comrades and their widows for such a purpose. It is not right. It is against our regulations.

I am only going to say those things which are true. "It is a matter of record and admitted by Senator Bursum's counsel that he received more than \$23,000 in contributions through the National Tribune." Whose money was it? It belonged to the old soldiers and their widows, poorly able to pay such a vast sum of money for political purposes for a defeated candidate to enter a contest for a seat in United States Senate. And it has been since found out that every member of the Committee on Elections voted against that contest, and finally when presented to the Senate every man there voted against it. There never was a moment when there was a chance for Bursum to get into the Senate. "His counsel also stated that he spent in his own case and in the gubernatorial contest about \$8,000, that he also spent about \$3,000 for expenses." "Bursum's counsel also admitted that there was \$10,000 of this money received from the National Tribune unaccounted for." Those are facts, my comrades. As I say, it is not pleasant to state it here and if there is only one vote I am glad there is one man here can say these things to you. If there is only one vote, it will not be for the comrade who has done this.

I want to say one further word in nominating the comrade that I am going to nominate. If you believe as I do and you believe this thing is wrong, I want you to vote for Walsh of Wisconsin. [Applause.] In every way qualified for the office, entered the Army at 15, has a fine record—I don't know as it is any great honor to have a good record in the Army. You all have got good records so far as I know. I hope you will look at this matter as I do. Just remember that the National Tribune is not the soldiers' paper; it does not work for the soldier, it works them. [Applause.]

Comrade McELROY, of the Potomac. I rise to a question of privilege. John Clem does not own a cent's worth of interest in the National Tribune. The National Tribune is owned by D. L. Rice and John McElroy. I have to confess in humiliation that I was badly deceived in Bursum. I personally thought Bursum was our standby, and he made a gallant fight for the Bursum bill. He made a better fight than we could get from anybody else, and I presented——

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I rise to a point of order. We are in the midst of nominating candidates, and no other business is in order. No question of privilege can enter while we are proceeding on a roll call.

Comrade McELROY. I am attacked.

Comrade SMITH STIMMEL, of North Dakota. That is right.

Comrade COLE. The candidates who have been nominated are Comrades Jewel, Coney, Reese, Clem, Moulton, and Walsh.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are there any seconding speeches, to be limited to one or two minutes? We are going to be crowded into the night. One or two minutes for seconding speeches. I think we know all these candidates very well.

Comrade COLE. I am requested to ask that each department commander will come as near the front of the platform as possible to announce his vote so that every comrade may know how the departments vote.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection, the adjutant general, the assistant adjutant general, and the reporter will keep the tally.

Comrade COLE. The commander in chief states that if it is not objected to, the adjutant general, the assistant adjutant general, and the reporter will keep the tally. Is that satisfactory to everybody?

The roll of departments was then called, with the following result:

Department	Walsh	Clem	Coney	Reese	Moulton	Jewel
Alabama	2	2				
Arkansas		9				
California and Nevada	36	5		1	1	3
Colorado and Wyoming						17
Connecticut	4				6	
Delaware						
Florida	1	8	1			
Georgia and South Carolina		5	1			
Idaho		4	1			
Illinois	26	4	6	1	2	
Indiana	7	3		12	2	4
Iowa	23	5	2	1	1	1
Kansas	6		26		1	
Kentucky		14				
Louisiana and Mississippi	3	3				
Maine	2	6				
Maryland		13				
Massachusetts	10	15	2		2	
Michigan	5	15			1	
Minnesota	22					
Missouri	6	5		1	3	7

Department	Walsh	Clem	Coney	Reese	Moulton	Jewel
Montana	9					
Nebraska				23		
New Hampshire					6	
New Jersey	26					
New Mexico		2				
New York		51				
North Dakota	2	4		1		
Ohio	25	7	3		2	
Oklahoma			19			
Oregon	12					
Pennsylvania		48				
Potomac		8			2	
Rhode Island		4			7	
South Dakota	7	3				
Tennessee		7	1			
Texas	5	1				
Utah	4					
Vermont		13				
Virginia and North Carolina		3				
Washington and Alaska	15	1	1			
West Virginia	5	4	1			
Wisconsin	25					
On platform	13	9				

Comrade COLE. The tellers announce the vote as follows: Total number of votes cast, 756. Necessary to a choice, 379. Clem received 283, Jewel 32, Coney 64, Moulton 36, Reese 40, Walsh 301.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There being no election, we will call the roll for the second ballot on commander in chief.

The roll of departments was again called with the following result:

Departments	Walsh	Clem	Coney	Reese	Moulton	Jewel
Alabama	2	2				
Arkansas		9				
California and Nevada	47					
Colorado and Wyoming						17
Connecticut	13					
Delaware						
Florida	2	8				
Georgia and South Carolina	3	4				
Idaho		5				
Illinois	34	3				
Indiana	24	3				
Iowa	35					
Kansas	16		17			
Kentucky		14				
Louisiana and Mississippi	6					
Maine	8					
Maryland		13				
Massachusetts	13	13				
Michigan	9	12				
Minnesota	24					
Missouri	13	5				
Montana	9					
Nebraska				23		
New Hampshire	6					

Department	Walsh	Clem	Coney	Reese	Moulton	Jewel
New Jersey ¹	26					
New Mexico		2				
New York		51				
North Dakota	5	2				
Ohio	36	1				
Oklahoma	19					
Oregon	12					
Pennsylvania	20	28				
Potomac		8			2	
Rhode Island	5	4				
South Dakota	10					
Tennessee		7	1			
Texas	5	1				
Utah	4					
Vermont		13				
Virginia and North Carolina		3				
Washington and Alaska	17					
West Virginia	6	4				
Wisconsin	25					

¹ After the Department of New Jersey had been called, Comrade Patrick H. Coney, of Kansas, arose and said: "I ask my friends to cast their unanimous vote for Comrade Walsh."

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas (at the conclusion of the roll call but before any announcement of the vote was made). Before the vote is announced, I recall the vote of Kansas and cast 33 votes for Walsh.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. We have got a good man for the next commander in chief anyhow, and, representing Johnnie Clem, I move that the roll call be suspended and Comrade Walsh be declared the unanimous choice of this encampment.

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. I second that motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All those in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." I declare Comrade Walsh is elected commander in chief. Give me your attention. Comrades, I present to you Comrade Frank A. Walsh, whom you have just elected commander in chief.

Comrade FRANK A. WALSH, of Wisconsin. Mere words fail to express the feeling I have within my heart. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great honor that you have done me here to-day. It will be my constant aim and effort, God willing, to serve this encampment my level best for the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. There will be no side tracking or side stepping of anything, but straight forward business now and hereafter as long as I live. I want to thank you all from the very bottom of my heart, and you will find I will do my level best to serve you and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade JOHN L. CLEM, of Georgia and South Carolina. I thank you for supporting me, and I take this occasion to congratulate my dear old friend Walsh and make his election unanimous.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade McElroy, of the National Tribune, wishes to be heard for a moment.

Comrade A. E. COHN, of California and Nevada. I make a motion that we elect the senior and junior vice commander tonight.

Comrade JOHN McELROY, of the Potomac. I rise to a question of privilege. I have been viciously assailed with slanders and misrepresentations which are all absolutely untrue. In the first place, John Clem has not a cent's worth of interest in the National Tribune. The National Tribune is owned by D. L. Rice and John McElroy. In the next place, absolutely contrary to the assertions of Past Commander in Chief Van Sant, I never refused to publish letters in favor of Comrade Walsh. I did refuse to publish paid-for editorials. The editorial columns of the National Tribune have never been for sale. I did tell him that the columns of the paper were always open to any comrade that chose to write in Comrade Walsh's behalf, and not a month ago I wrote Comrades Walsh and Van Sant asking them why they had not used the columns of the paper for that purpose.

In reply to Past Commander in Chief Van Sant's sneers about the National Tribune being a soldier's paper, it was a good enough soldier's paper to give him welcome assistance when he was trying to be renominated as Governor of Minnesota. In fact, it was a good enough soldier paper to be actively helpful in raising the pension rate from \$8 a month for total disability to \$90 per month in the recent bill. It has been helpful in placing every pension act on the statute books.

I appeal to any past commander in chief to say whether I have not been actively loyal to them and to the Grand Army of the Republic. I appeal to them to point to any act of mine that has not been of the highest loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic and the mandates of the national encampments.

With reference to Senator Bursum, I have to confess to a mistake. At that time Senator Bursum was chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions and the only earnest friend to whom we could appeal. Senator McCumber had been defeated; Senator Smoot had been transferred to a higher committee. Senator Bursum introduced and piloted through with wonderful skill his Bursum bill. You all remember, on this very floor he was received with tumultuous cheers and congratulations for his friendship to the veterans, an indorsement of him at that time from the encampment.

After Senator Bursum's magnificent work he was defeated for reelection. I had the strongest assurances from him that he had good grounds for a contest. Not being aware of the complexities of New Mexico politics, I believed in him and, not wanting to lose our strongest means of support, asked the comrades to show their gratitude by helping to put him back in the Senate where he could help them. To my great disappointment he absolutely fell down. His claims for reelection were dismissed by the Senate committee.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move that we proceed to select the senior vice commander.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, I am directed by the Department of Iowa, confirmed by the delegation to this encampment, to place in nomination for senior vice commander in chief Comrade Alexander G. Beatty, past department commander of Iowa. Comrade Beatty enlisted in Company D, Ninth Iowa Infantry, in 1861, was wounded at the Battle of Pea

Ridge, where he lost an arm on March 7, 1862. He is a reputable, A No. 1 first-class Grand Army man, as hard a headed old boy as any of the others within the sound of my voice, and if there is no other nomination I move that the rules be suspended and that he be declared—I move that the adjutant general be directed to cast the entire ballot of this national encampment for Alexander G. Beatty as senior vice commander in chief.

(Motion seconded.)

Comrade SAMUEL D. WEBSTER, of Missouri. If Iowa wants him, we do.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. In seconding that nomination, I want to call your attention that from time immemorial we have allowed the department that has entertained us to designate the senior vice commander, and therefore I second the motion of Judge Willett and move that the rules be suspended and Comrade Beatty be elected by acclamation.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All those in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is carried. The adjutant general will cast the vote.

Adjutant General HENRY B. DAVIDSON. In accordance with the instructions of the encampment, I cast the vote for Comrade A. G. Beatty, of Iowa, for senior vice commander in chief.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare Comrade Beatty elected senior vice commander in chief for the ensuing year.

Comrade COLE. Junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade PETER H. MASS, of California and Nevada. California presents to you for junior vice commander in chief one of the best comrades that ever existed, as good a man as ever you have known in the world, and you have lived a long time. I present to you on behalf of California and Nevada the name of Charles H. Haskins for junior vice commander in chief. He deserves it.

Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. I move that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general cast the ballot for Comrade Haskins for junior vice commander in chief.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Comrade Haskins is nominated. Let's give it to California.

Comrade MASS. We came 2,000 miles to get it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. As many as favor the motion say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is carried.

Adj. Gen. HENRY B. DAVIDSON. I cast the vote of the encampment for Comrade Charles H. Haskins, of California and Nevada.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare Comrade Haskins duly elected junior vice commander in chief for the ensuing year.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. The committee on resolutions have to meet at 8 o'clock. It is now after 6. I move that we now adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning—take a recess.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All those in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is carried.

Whereupon the encampment, at 6.06 o'clock p. m., took a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1926

MORNING SESSION

The encampment was called to order at 9.15 o'clock a. m. by Commander in Chief John B. Inman.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. The commander in chief directs me to announce that you need not pay any attention to the signs on the seats, but come as near to the front as you can. Fill up the center, because the voice does not carry as well in the wings as it does in front.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The encampment will be in order. The chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

Chaplain in Chief WILLIAM P. MCKINSEY. Comrades, let us all together repeat the Lord's Prayer.

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We are now under the order of business of the election of officers. The next one to be considered will be surgeon general. Nominations are in order for surgeon general.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. Missouri presents for surgeon general C. W. Burrill, who was surgeon general once before. He lives in Kansas City.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are there any other nominations?

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. There being only one candidate, I move you that the adjutant general cast the vote of this encampment for Comrade Burrill, of Kansas City.

Comrade COS ALTENBERG, of Arkansas. Arkansas seconds the nomination of the Missouri man.

Comrade COLE. There being only one candidate, I move that the adjutant general cast the ballot for Comrade Burrill.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion. All those in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No." I declare it carried. The adjutant general will cast the ballot.

Adjutant General HENRY B. DAVIDSON. I cast the ballot for C. W. Burrill for surgeon general.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I hereby declare Comrade Burrill duly elected surgeon general for the ensuing year. Nominations for chaplain in chief.

Comrade ASBURY F. HAYNES, of Washington and Alaska. Comrades and commander in chief, I am in an embarrassing situation. I expected Doctor Gandy to make the nomination. I went to California 41 years ago. I went up to Seattle. I have been chaplain in the post eight or ten times. I am chaplain at the present time of Sexton Post. I was formerly in the Army of the Potomac. I was wounded on the 30th day of September, 1864. I was in the hospital——

Comrade COLE. Name your candidate.

Comrade HAYNES. I just want to state I was converted——

Comrade COLE. We don't want to be converted. We are nominating a chaplain in chief.

Comrade HAYNES. My name is Asbury F. Haynes. My grandfather was Captain Haynes——

Comrade COLE. Are you nominating yourself?

Comrade HAYNES. Yes; my comrade is away.

Comrade COLE. What are you, a Methodist?

Comrade HAYNES. I was converted by a Methodist minister. I have a medal of honor from the Congress of the United States also.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The encampment will please be in order. I recognize Past Commander in Chief Pilcher.

Past Cominander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. For the position of chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the coming year New York has a candidate which it has requested me to present to you for your consideration, and we hope for your acceptance. His name is the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Hill. In August, 1863, at the age of 16, he enlisted in the Second New York Cavalry and served with that regiment in the Army of the Potomac and in the Shenandoah Valley until he was captured and was kept in Libby Prison until the close of the war. He was twice wounded—once in the breast and again in the right arm. From the effects of the latter wound he still suffers.

In 1878 he was ordained to the ministry, after which he was sent as a missionary to the Northwest and for seven years labored as such in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Alaska.

In 1885 he was transferred to Indian Territory, where he labored for 13 years in charge of Indian schools and missions, and finally assisted in the organization of the government of the new State of Oklahoma.

During this period he organized the first Grand Army posts in Indian Territory and was the first department commander of that Territory. For five years he served the Grand Army of the Republic as a member of the national council of administration. In 1898 he returned to the State of New York and from that time until the present he has been inspector, superintendent of State Indian affairs, secretary of the State board of charities, and in yet other ways he has given the benefit of his knowledge and experience to the charities of our State, and all the time has been an active comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is now 79 years of age. Such is the man that we present to you and ask for your suffrages.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Robert W. Hill has been nominated by the Department of New York for chaplain in chief. Are there any other nominations?

Comrade CHARLES V. PETTEYS, of the Potomac. I desire to nominate a comrade from the Department of the Potomac who has been chaplain of the department for many years, also of his post. He entered the service in 1863 in the Bucktails of Pennsylvania. He has a very fine record as a soldier. He entered the ministry in 1873, was presiding elder of the Manhattan district in Kansas for six years and came to Washington in 1920. Since his arrival he

has been one of the most zealous and efficient members of the Department of the Potomac. He has held the office of chaplain of the department continuously for several years.

We who have been associated with our beloved department chaplain, Comrade Robert E. McBride, since his arrival in the city of Washington, and know of his high character as a Christian gentleman, his splendid educational attainments, and his zeal and fidelity in the performance of his duties as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, do most earnestly urge you to cast your vote in his favor for the office of chaplain in chief, and in so doing you will confer an honor upon this comrade who is well qualified for the office and whose worthiness for such recognition is most heartily attested to by us and will give great pleasure and satisfaction to your comrades of the department of the Potomac. His name is Robert E. McBride.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Are there any any other nominations?

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. The commander in chief directs me to announce that in order to expedite business he will take a straw vote. He will announce the name of the first candidate, and all in favor of him please rise; and then he will announce the name of the second candidate, and those in favor of him will rise. After that is done if there is any desire for a ballot the commander in chief will order a ballot. All in favor of the election of Comrade Hill as chaplain will please rise.

Comrade ASBURY F. HAYNES, of Washington and Alaska. I rise to a point of order.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The other candidate is Robert E. McBride, of the Potomac.

Comrade COLE. All in favor of the election of Comrade McBride, of the Department of the Potomac, will please rise.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. The same ones are rising.

Comrade HAYNES. I rise to a point of order. Is my name being considered at all?

Comrade COLE. Comrades, I don't think that you understood. It appears to me that some of the comrades are so anxious to vote that they have voted for both candidates. All in favor of the election of Comrade Hill, of New York, will please rise.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. This is a test vote.

Comrade HAYNES. Commander in Chief——

Comrade COLE. All in favor of the election of Comrade McBride will please rise. It is very apparent that Comrade Hill had a 2 to 1 vote. Don't you think so? [Cries of "No."] (Calls for a roll call.)

Comrade HENRY A. JOHNSON, of the Department of the Potomac. I demand a roll call.

Comrade HAYNES. Commander in Chief——

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. Do you insist on a roll-call?

Comrade HAYNES. Commander in Chief, I want you to know, comrades, I was a member of the Army of the Potomac. I was the first man that made a nomination. You had no right——

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Take your seat, comrade, please.

Comrade HAYNES. I would like to know if I have not a right to nominate myself when my friends are away. I ain't to be bulldozed

by you people up there. I was converted in the Army of the Potomac, I tell you. My name is Asbury F. Haynes. The man that was supposed to nominate me is not here this morning.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Do you insist on a roll call?

Comrade HENRY A. JOHNSON, of the Potomac. No.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. I move you, Commander in Chief, that Comrade Hill, having a majority of the delegates present, be elected chaplain in chief for the ensuing year.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. All in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary "No." It is carried.

Adjutant General HENRY B. DAVIDSON. I hold in my hand and now cast the vote for Comrade Robert W. Hill for the office of chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I therefore declare Comrade Hill duly elected chaplain in chief for the ensuing year.

Now we want to elect the trustees of the permanent fund.

Comrade COLE. I nominate Comrade Patterson, of Pennsylvania, to continue in office as a member of the trustees of the permanent fund.

Quartermaster General COLA D. R. STOWITS. I nominate Comrade Arensberg, that he be the second man on the list.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. It is my recollection that Comrade Patterson was reelected at Grand Rapids for a term of two years.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. It was not carried out. It was three years.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrades, you have heard these nominations for trustees of the permanent fund. Those who approve of this say "Aye." Opposed, "No." The ayes have it. I declare them duly elected as trustees of the permanent fund. You know what the permanent fund is—thirty or forty thousand dollars.

Comrade COLE. Council of administration.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Read them.

Comrade COLE. Here are the names of the council of administration [reading]:

Council of administration

Department	Name	Address
Alabama	John A. Barr	Citronelle.
Arkansas	Cos Altenberg	Little Rock.
California and Nevada	William H. Noll	Los Angeles, Calif.
Colorado and Wyoming	James E. Jewel	Fort Morgan, Colo.
Connecticut	Adrian P. Sloan	Hartford.
Delaware	(No representation)	
Florida	Wayne W. Blossom	Tampa.
Georgia and South Carolina	W. M. Scott	Atlanta, Ga.
Idaho	J. M. Gill	Boise.
Illinois	William P. Wright	Chicago.
Indiana	David N. Foster	Fort Wayne.
Iowa	J. L. Farrington	Iowa Falls.
Kansas	E. W. Phillips	Wichita.
Kentucky	M. H. Davidson	Louisville.
Louisiana and Mississippi	E. K. Russ	New Orleans.
Maine	Nelson R. Brown	Lewiston.

Council of administration—Continued

Department	Name	Address
Maryland-----	George T. Leech-----	Baltimore.
Massachusetts-----	Henry Clark-----	North Cambridge.
Michigan-----	Albert Dunham-----	Lansing.
Minnesota-----	Silas H. Towler-----	Minneapolis.
Missouri-----	S. D. Webster-----	St. Louis.
Montana-----	James R. Goss-----	Billings.
Nebraska-----	Edwin F. Brown-----	Lincoln.
New Hampshire-----	Joseph Willis-----	Haverhill.
New Jersey-----	Isaac Cole-----	Maplewood.
New Mexico-----	B. A. Jones-----	Albuquerque.
New York-----	Oscar Smith-----	Albany.
North Dakota-----	Albert Roberts-----	Devils Lake.
Ohio-----	E. F. Taggart-----	Akron.
Oklahoma-----	L. C. Coffin-----	Elgin.
Oregon-----	D. L. McKay-----	Portland.
Pennsylvania-----	W. F. Hambright-----	Lancaster.
Potomac-----	Henry A. Johnson-----	Washington.
Rhode Island-----	Samuel A. Whelden-----	East Providence.
South Dakota-----	W. H. Cornell-----	Brookings.
Tennessee-----	F. M. Undersood-----	Knoxville.
Texas-----	T. W. Woodcock-----	Dallas.
Utah-----	J. M. Van Dervort-----	Ogden.
Vermont-----	Charles H. Stone-----	Fair Haven.
Virginia and North Carolina-----	Henry Anderson-----	National Soldiers Home, Va.
Washington and Alaska-----	J. E. Gandy-----	Spokane.
West Virginia-----	W. W. Riley-----	Point Pleasant.
Wisconsin-----	Charles H. Henry-----	Eau Claire.

I move these nominations be confirmed as members of the council of administration.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those in favor of the motion will please say "Aye." Opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and I declare them fully confirmed and approved.

The encampment will now give attention to the report of the committee on resolutions, Past Commander in Chief Pilcher, chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. The committee on resolutions beg leave to report that it had its session last evening, considered the various matters that were presented before it, and I am happy to say that in all respects the action of the committee as finally reached was unanimous on all occasions. As has been customary in the past, I desire to move at this moment that in the presentation of the report of the committee that in each case, unless exception is taken from the floor, that it be considered as having been accepted by the house.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is that seconded? [Motion seconded.] Those who favor the motion will please say "Aye." Opposed, "No." It is carried.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. I will now ask our secretary to present the action of the committee.

Comrade FRANK O. COLE, of New Jersey. Last year a resolution came to the encampment after the committee on resolutions had concluded their labors. This resolution had reference to exemption of real estate owned by veterans from taxation. The encampment referred the resolution to the committee on resolutions of the ensuing year. After careful consideration the committee has concluded it was a question to be determined by each department.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there is no objection, it will be approved.

Comrade COLE. This is a resolution in reference to the Custis Mansion in Arlington Cemetery. The resolution comes from the Department of the Potomac, and they desire that Congress shall be importuned to make the building a museum of relics so that the different Grand Army posts or departments may send these relics to Washington to be preserved. The committee moves that this resolution be referred to the committee on legislation.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Unless I hear objection it will be so referred.

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. I would like to say a word or two in regard to the Lee Mansion. This matter was brought to my attention when I was commander in chief last year. I went to see the Secretary of War. There was a joint resolution passed by Congress and the Senate to put back or reinstate the Arlington Mansion, as they called it, or the Lee Mansion, they had in the resolution, back to its original condition that it was at the time of the war. The ultimate object of that we thought, and all believed, was to make a shrine out of it for the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Now, I went to see the Secretary of War about that. The bill was put through, a joint resolution, in such a way and manner that but very few of the Congressmen or Senators really knew what it meant, and it passed in one of those hurries of the last moments of the session, and was passed and signed by the President and became a law. Now, the Secretary of War—it was a mandatory law, mandatory upon the Secretary of War to restore that mansion. But in their hurry to get the bill through they forgot to have an appropriation made or included in their bill. The result was the Secretary of War had no money and could not do that, although the order was mandatory. He had no means of carrying it out. And the only thing that restrained him was the fact that there had been no appropriation made for that purpose. Now, it is up to us to watch the proceedings of the Senate and of the House and not allow a bill appropriating money for that purpose to go through, and then if possible have that joint resolution repealed. [Applause.] That is the status of the whole thing.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If there are no objections, we will consider the resolution approved.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I understand that also, in connection with that, the flag was removed from Arlington.

Comrade COLE. No; that was put back.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I wish to tell you about that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The flag was restored.

Comrade ZIMMERMAN. I know that.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. A committee from the Grand Army headed by General Miles went to the Secretary of War and called his attention to the fact that the flag had been taken from the flagstaff and had not been up for a week. The committee was headed by General Miles; one of the last public acts of General Miles was to go to the Secretary of War and call his attention to that. The Secretary of War was ill, but the Acting Secretary of War took the matter up. He is now the present Secretary of War. He took the matter up and he said, "I will have that flag up in a very few minutes." In less than 15 minutes it was up to the top of the pole. [Applause.]

Comrade ZIMMERMAN. That is just what I was going to state.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved.

Comrade COLE. There were quite a number of resolutions relating to pensions submitted to the committee last night. They gave the subject the most careful consideration. In fact it occupied the principal matter of discussion, and they finally concluded, in the interests of all the organizations, it was their duty to report this resolution:

We instruct the pension committee to use every effort to secure such legislation from Congress as will enable the widows of our fallen comrades to secure \$50 per month.

[Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, if there is no objection.

Comrade COLE. Here is a resolution asking the encampment to take some action concerning the visitations which are made from time to time by the different organizations. The committee considered the matter carefully, but they came to the conclusion that when a bevy of good looking women came to the door, the Grand Army would let them in no matter how many resolutions were passed; therefore they laid it on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, unless there is objection.

Comrade COLE. Here is a resolution which is time honored, venerable by tradition, and hoary by age. It has come down for the last 10 years, asking the Grand Army to take some action concerning the name of a mountain on the Pacific coast called now Mount Rainier, and they want it called Mount Lincoln. We passed various resolutions approving that choice, and the Geographical Commission in Washington turned the petition down and would not do it. Therefore, we move it be laid on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, if there is no objection.

Comrade COLE. A resolution asking our approval to make flag day a national holiday. Inasmuch as there is no power in the United States to make a national holiday, we ask to have it laid on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, if no objection is heard.

Comrade COLE. A resolution from Illinois asking that some action should be taken whereby men who can not go to the posts because

of infirmity may send their ballot by mail. The committee concluded that the posts were so small that it was very doubtful whether there would ever be a very spirited contest for the election of officers, and they moved to lay it on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, unless objection is heard.

Comrade COLE. A resolution from the Potomac in reference to the tablet to be erected in Arlington, which has been done. The Woman's Relief Corps have provided for it. Move to lay it on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, if there is no objection.

Comrade COLE. A communication from the Sons of Veterans of the State of Maine. It appears that a post down there got possession of a piece of property, and the post dwindled away until there were only two members, and these two members desired the proceeds of that property to go to themselves and the Sons of Veterans wanted the property to go to the Sons of Veterans. We concluded we hadn't anything to do with it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, unless objection is made.

Comrade COLE. This is another communication in reference to the ballot, which takes the same course.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Approved, unless objections is heard.

Comrade COLE. Here is a communication which practically asks that the rules and regulations shall be changed so that in any department the department may have power to cause every member of that department in good standing to become a member of the department encampment. The judge advocate general has already ruled upon that question, and every department has power to distinctly state of what number their membership shall consist in a department. Any department which desires that every comrade in good standing shall be a member of the department encampment can do so without any further legislation. It is now done in New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and other departments.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, unless objection is heard.

Comrade COLE. It appears that there is a portion of land of the Los Angeles Soldiers' Home which they do not use, and there is an opportunity to sell it to the city of Los Angeles for a million dollars, and the commission in charge of that home desire this million dollars to rehabilitate the home, because they are in a very horrible condition, and there is an act pending in Congress, having passed the Senate, now in the House, authorizing the sale of this property. The committee recommend its adoption.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, unless objection is heard.

Following is the resolution:

Whereas there is now pending in the Congress of the United States, Senate bill 3921 authorizing the sale of 160 acres of land now belonging to the Pacific branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers located at Sawtelle, Calif., to the county of Los Angeles to be presented to the southern branch of the University of California for a site upon which to conduct and maintain a college of agriculture; and

Whereas the abandonment of the sewage disposal plant of the Pacific branch renders the utilization of the 160 acres for truck farming unprofitable, and the present barracks of the Pacific branch are old wooden structures, dangerous fire hazards, crowded beyond capacity and utterly inadequate to meet the demands of caring for the disabled volunteers of the Republic now, at the Pacific branch; and

Whereas Senate bill 3921 provides that the funds received from the sale of such land shall become immediately available for the construction of additional barracks of a fireproof character, and other needed improvements at the Pacific branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers; and

Whereas the board of managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers has unanimously recommended the sale of this property; and

Whereas the present home site of the Pacific branch of said soldiers' home consists of 675 acres of land, and the sale of the 160-acre parcel would in no way interfere with the present or future needs of the home: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in convention assembled at Des Moines, Iowa, on the 24th day of September, 1926, That Congress be urged to pass Senate bill 3921, authorizing the transfer of 160 acres of land owned by the Pacific branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to the county of Los Angeles for university purposes, and for the sum of not less than \$1,000,000 to be paid in cash; and

Resolved further, That a copy of this resolution be filed with the chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs.

Comrade COLE. Here is a communication. It appears there is a body of comrades of the different wars who are organized under the name of the Maimed Soldiers' League, and the object of this association is to procure a more liberal allowance on the part of the Government for the purchase of limbs, arms, and legs for those who need them, and the committee being in sympathy with that adopted the resolution.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, if no objection is heard.

Following is the resolution:

Whereas the organization known as the United States Maimed Soldiers' League, organized in 1880, the membership of which being composed exclusively of maimed soldiers and sailors of all wars, including many maimed veterans of the Civil War; and

Whereas the United States Congress from time to time, recognizing the justice of petitions of said Maimed Soldiers' League, have enacted beneficial legislation for the betterment of condition of said maimed veterans; and

Whereas it is the intention of the United States Maimed Soldiers' League to further petition the United States Congress for further just and reasonable legislation for their betterment, and to amend the law of 1876 (sec. 4788 of the Revised Statutes) so as to provide a more adequate increase in the rates therefor for commutation for artificial limbs, being not less than \$125 in the case of the loss of a leg: Therefore be it

Resolved, That this National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Des Moines, Iowa, does heartily indorse and support such further legislation for the betterment of the condition of the maimed veterans as being just and reasonable; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution as adopted by the annual national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic be transmitted to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Pensions, to the chairman of the House Invalid Committee on Pensions, to Senator Guy D. Goff, to Congressman Richard N. Elliott, to the Surgeon General, War Department, to the Commissioner of Pensions, Interior Department, and to Comrade J. Orken, secretary and treasurer, United States Maimed Soldiers' League, 501 Hurley-Wright Building, Washington, D. C.

Comrade COLE. There is a United States Flag Association in the United States, organized primarily for the purpose of inculcating patriotism throughout the country, and the flag association desire

the indorsement of the Grand Army of the Republic of its purposes. We adopt the resolution.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It will be approved unless objection is heard.

Following is the resolution:

Whereas the President of the United States of America, Hon. Calvin Coolidge, is honorary president of the United States Flag Association; and

Whereas the aim and purpose of the United States Flag Association is to foster, through education and otherwise, reverence for the flag of the United States, and to combat all influences, conditions, and forces hostile to the ideals, traditions, principles, and institutions for which that flag stands: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic in national encampment assembled hereby approves the aims of the United States Flag Association and urges all members of the Grand Army to assist in the achievement of the patriotic, far-reaching purposes of the United States Flag Association.

Comrade COLE. A resolution of thanks to Congress for the passage of the last pension bill. The committee moves its adoption.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, unless objection be heard.

Following, however, was the resolution referred to:

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic in national encampment assembled at the city of Des Moines, Iowa, do hereby extend a hearty vote of thanks to Congress for its action in the purchase of the Oldroyd collection of Abraham Lincoln relics, and to Senator Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, the author of the bill providing for such purchase.

Comrade COLE. Here is a resolution in reference to the raising of money by the National Tribune for the purpose of paying the election expenses of a Senator from New Mexico. The committee considered this matter carefully, but they finally came to the conclusion that inasmuch as in the debate concerning the nomination of officers yesterday the matter was aired at considerable length, no action should be taken by the committee. We therefore move to lay it on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Unless objection is heard the recommendation of the committee is hereby approved.

Comrade COLE. A resolution asking our approval of a bill to be introduced in Congress to erect a monument at Appomattox. The committee having a vivid recollection of former years when matters of this kind have come before it, we were very much afraid that this might be some real-estate speculation, and they move to lay it on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved, unless objection be heard.

Comrade COLE. A resolution from Kansas asking that the word "sovereign" be expunged from the laws and the constitutions of the different States in the Union. It seems that there is a vital difference of opinion whether a State is a sovereign State or is not a sovereign State. Kansas says that there is but one sovereign in the United States, but other members say that the State within the Constitution is sovereign, and that being a legal and a diplomatic and a rather difficult question, the committee move to lay it on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee and their report is hereby approved unless objection is heard.

Comrade COLE. Here is a communication and resolution from Massachusetts requesting that the Daughters of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic be admitted to the post meetings the same as the Sons of Veterans. The committee remembers that the rules and regulations have not been changed concerning the Sons of Veterans. A resolution was passed at the encampment at which Judge Willett was commander in chief, but Comrade McBride, as judge advocate during the ensuing year, declared that it was not properly adopted, and did not become a part of the law. Therefore it fell to the ground. Your committee move that it should be laid over.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is hereby approved unless objection is made.

Comrade BENJAMIN A. HAM, of Massachusetts. At the request of the delegation, the unanimous delegation of Massachusetts, I submitted this resolution to the committee on resolutions. I remember at Milwaukee that we did pass a resolution admitting the Sons of Veterans to the various posts, the posts being willing that they should be admitted. Now, this resolution simply asks that the Daughters of Veterans, the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic be admitted on the same grounds and under the same regulations that the Sons of Veterans are now admitted to the various posts at its meetings. Now, I heard in my youth "That a son was a son 'till he got him a wife, but a daughter was a daughter the whole of her life," and I submit to you comrades if the daughters—if the sons are worthy to mingle among us in our post meetings, whether or not the daughters that have done so much for us in the various posts are not worthy to mingle with us in our meetings.

Comrade COLE. Comrade, the committee also concludes that the matter was not properly before the committee on resolutions. It required a change in the rules and regulations, and would have to go to the committee on rules and regulations. We can not change the by-laws or the rules and regulations in this manner. Therefore it was altogether out of order, anyhow, to come before our committee. It should have gone before the committee on rules and regulations.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I would rule, Comrade Ham, that that is right. This is a matter changing the rules and regulations. It should not be in this committee. Of course that would probably carry the whole matter over to the next encampment. I don't want to delay anything.

Comrade HAM. If we at Indianapolis could pass a resolution admitting the Sons of Veterans, and we did, why can't we pass a resolution here——

Comrade COLE. Commander, I move that the whole matter be referred to the committee on rules and regulations of the next encampment.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Just before we put that motion. While that is a fact, Comrade Ham, it also is a fact that Robert W. McBride, judge advocate general, decided that the entire matter was illegal and it was thrown out.

Comrade HAM. Then I would move that the resolution be submitted——

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Just a moment, Comrade.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. I rise to a point of order. In order that we may get this thing properly disposed of—it is perfectly evident that the matter is not before us in an orderly manner and that all discussion upon it at the present time is out of order—the report is that this matter should be referred to the committee on rules and regulations.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I would rule that that is correct. Those who favor this motion will please say “Aye.” Those opposed, “No.” It is carried.

Comrade COLE. A resolution relating to the per capita tax. Inasmuch as the encampment took action yesterday on the subject, they laid this on the table.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The recommendation of the committee is approved and confirmed unless there be objection.

Comrade COLE. The next resolution I will read [reading]:

When the encampment at Grand Rapids received your invitation to hold the encampment of 1926 in the city of Des Moines, the comrades, possessing a vivid recollection of our happy visit in 1922, enthusiastically accepted the invitation. The welcome you have given us, the hospitality, the courteous treatment extended to us by every citizen of Des Moines has caused us to believe that there could not be in all our country any city more loyal and more proud to entertain the Grand Army of the Republic than Des Moines.

We think the municipal authorities, the men and women of Des Moines, the Girl and Boy Scouts, the trolley company, the public schools, the press, and the theaters, and especially the owners of the many automobiles, for the courtesies and kindly hospitality given us, and whatever may be our future lines we can never forget the encampment of 1926.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Commander in Chief, I move that the report of the committee as a whole be adopted.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those in favor of this motion will please say “Aye.” Opposed, “No.” It is unanimous and they are all adopted.

Comrade J. E. GANDY of Washington and Alaska. I want to ask for my information for myself and others, about that pension bill for widows. Does it take in all widows or those from 1905?

Comrade COLE. We concluded if we had any chance to get any legislation at all, if we confined ourselves to widows there would be opportunity to pass it. We don't raise any question of when they were married, or where they were married, or who they were married to, but simply widows who are now receiving a pension will have an increase. There are 228,000 widows of Civil War soldiers drawing a pension; 24,000 of that number are entitled, under the present law, to \$50 a month. Now we want the 204,000 who are getting \$30 a month to get that \$50, and we are willing to stand in the background and wait for anything to come to us that the women may get this. [Applause.]

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade Gandy, answering your inquiry further, I will venture to say that the date of the marriage has not been changed at all. It is June 27, 1905. There was no change made in that, and no change attempted by those who were handling the pensions.

Comrade GANDY. I was thinking of this thing. You know when our bill that was vetoed by the President was up for consideration, its enemies loaded it down with a lot of amendments. Whether we will be stronger if we fix it at 1905 or we will leave it at some other date. We want to get at the point where we are the surest of getting it. Of course, that matter can be taken up when the bill is before the House and Senate.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The fact was it was deemed best by those who were trying to secure some pensions and did secure more than 80,000 individual increases, it was deemed best by them not to tackle the marriage date at all, and it still remains 1905.

Is there anything further to come before the Encampment before we proceed to the installation of officers?

Comrade WILLIAM MURRELL, of New York. I want to call your attention to what occurred in regard to this pension business at the soldiers' home in New York a few days ago.

Comrade FRANK. O. COLE, of New Jersey. A point of order.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. A point of order. I desire to call the attention of my comrade from New York to the fact that there is nothing before the house. The pension matter has been settled or dispensed with, and we are looking now for new business before installing the newly elected officers, and therefore he is not speaking to anything before the house and is out of order.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I declare the point of order well taken. Comrade Van Sant is recognized. He has a report on other officers.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. It is a report on other officers. I am doing this for James Tanner, who is unable to be here [reading]:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS OTHER THAN THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

COMMANDER IN CHIEF: Your committee on all other reports; namely, senior vice commander in chief, junior vice commander in chief, surgeon general, chaplain in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, judge advocate general, inspector general, work done by Levi Longfellow, national patriotic instructor, assistant quartermaster general and custodian, chief of staff, committee on pensions and legislature, assistant adjutant general, senior aide de camp, report that each and every one of said officials gave most faithful and efficient service, showing a fidelity to duty in a marked degree. They merited all the commander in chief said in his address.

Each and every one of you were most helpful in making Commander in Chief Inman's administration most successful.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES TANNER.
SAMUEL R. VAN SANT.
JNO. R. KING.
J. W. WILLETT.

I move the adoption of this report.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those who favor the motion will please say "Aye." Opposed, "No." It is carried. We will now proceed with the installation of officers. Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance will install the officers for the ensuing year.

Past Commander in Chief ELL TORRANCE. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, we are about to proceed to the installation of

the officers whom you have chosen to govern us for the ensuing year. I will ask the officer of the day to present the commander in chief and the other elective officers for installation.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. Commander in Chief, I present Comrade Frank A. Walsh, of Wisconsin, who has been duly elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the ensuing year and who declares himself ready for installation. [Applause].

Past Commander in Chief TORRANCE. Comrade Walsh, you succeed to a long line of distinguished comrades who have been from year to year chosen to preside over the destinies of this splendid organization. Most of your predecessors in office have passed from mortal view. There are but few survivors of the great company of splendid comrades who have been elected to that office. We have now reached the sixtieth year of our organization. Of course, it is smaller in number than it has ever been before. The membership is feeble in body. Their love and affection for their comrades increases as the years bear heavily upon them, and they look to their commander in chief for sympathy, for kindly consideration, and for the best service that he can render to them. We know that you will meet all these requirements, and your comrades wish for you the highest success and hope your life will be spared and your health and strength continued so that you can perform the duties of this great office with dignity and with acceptance, and honor to yourself and all those who are associated with you. You are now ready, are you, Comrade Walsh, to assume these duties which devolve upon you as commander in chief, and are you ready to take the obligation? I need not say anything to you about the duties of your office, because you are familiar, by reason of your long service in the Grand Army of the Republic, you know what your duties are, but you will raise your right hand and take this simple obligation.

(Obligation administered.)

I now declare you duly installed as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. The gavel, fortunately or unfortunately, is not here at this moment, but symbolically I will offer you this. [Presenting a hammer.]

The remaining elected officers were then installed as follows:

Senior vice commander in chief, A. G. Beatty, Independence, Iowa.

Junior vice commander in chief, Charles H. Haskins, Los Angeles, Calif.

Surgeon general, Dr. C. W. Burrill, Kansas City, Mo.

Chaplain in chief, Rev. Robert W. Hill, Albany, N. Y.

Past Commander in Chief TORRANCE. Commander in chief, are you prepared to announce your adjutant general?

Commander in Chief WALSH. Charles H. Henry.

Past Commander in Chief TORRANCE. Your quartermaster general.

Commander in Chief WALSH. Cola D. R. Stowits.

Past Commander in Chief TORRANCE. Any others?

Commander in Chief WALSH. Chief of staff, George A. Hosley. The other appointments will be made later.

The three appointed officers just named were then duly installed.

Comrade SILAS H. TOWLER, of Minnesota. Comrades, I present to you the officers of the encampment for the ensuing year. Please arise and salute them.

(Salutes given and returned.)

The members of the national council of administration will please gather here on the platform immediately on adjournment. Comrade Henry has been made adjutant general, and as he is the present member of the council of administration from Wisconsin I move that the department of Wisconsin be authorized to fill his place on the council.

Commander in Chief WALSH. With the concurrence of my comrades from Wisconsin, I will name Charles Kayser, of Milwaukee.

I hope I will not have to use a hammer at any time during the year, but if I do I will use it with firmness, moderation, and good judgment. Is there any further business to come before the encampment? There being none, I declare the Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic closed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND OF COMMITTEES



OSCAR A. JANES
Senior Vice Commander in Chief



WILLIAM O. ALLEN
Junior Vice Commander in Chief

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

DETROIT, MICH., *August 11, 1926.*

HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

DEAR COMRADE: In compliance with established custom and in obedience to the rules and regulations of our order, I have the honor to herewith submit my report as senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the current year.

By request of the commander in chief, I represented him at the department encampment of Massachusetts, held at Boston, April 6 and 7, and at the New Hampshire encampment, held at Concord, April 8 and 9. The attendance at Boston was of a large number of the comrades and with such strong and energetic allies as the W. R. C., Ladies of the Grand Army, and Sons and Daughters of Union Soldiers. The Grand Army of Massachusetts will continue to "carry on" and have a helping hand in these organizations.

I was courteously received and entertained during my stay in the city. I made official visits to the allied organizations, as well as to the encampment, addressing them briefly, and at several banquets as an invited guest. A large public meeting was held in the evening, at which I made an extended address to thousands present.

The governor and mayor were very cordial in the receptions, and either in person or by a representative gave addresses of welcome to the banquets and public gatherings. I was a guest at a luncheon at the Soldiers' Home located at Chelsea, on the shores of Boston Harbor, a beautiful location, of which Comrade Capt. Charles W. Parker is commandant.

I wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the courtesies and attention I received while at Boston from Chief of Staff Comrades George A. Hosley, Dr. John Gilbert, surgeon general of the Grand Army, and Captain Parker, commandant of the Soldiers' Home.

Chief of Staff Hosley accompanied me to the New Hampshire encampment at Concord, where I again represented the commander in chief. The attendance at the encampment was small in numbers, owing to the fact that the membership of the department is less than 800 members—although few in number, they exhibited an earnest desire to "keep the camp fires burning" until the final "roll call." With the financial aid rendered them by the loyal Women of the Relief Corps, and Daughters of Veterans' the department will continue to function.

I made official visits to the several allied organizations and found them in flourishing condition.

In the evening I addressed a public meeting, which was also addressed by the governor of the State and mayor of the city in speeches of welcome.

At the request of the commander in chief, I again represented him at the department of Michigan encampment, held at Jackson, June 9, 10, and 11, which was largely attended by a good representation of comrades and allied organizations. I made official visits to them, addressing them, and on the evening of the 10th addressed a large gathering at a camp fire. It also being the occasion of the holding of the State conventions of the Spanish War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations, made a large attendance.

A parade of all organizations was had, and with a fine day and the unique features in reviewing the parade, it was very much admired by the large concourse of people present.

I occupied a place on the reviewing stand and after the parade was a guest at a dinner given by the citizens' committee to the governor, State officials, and 17 foreign consuls located in the city of Detroit.

My activities during the year, aside from the visitations of department encampments, consisted in attending patriotic gatherings and addressing them. I addressed eight of the public schools, with an attendance of 600 to 1,300 pupils at each school, at several flag presentations to schools, churches, and courts. Made addresses on Washington, Lincoln, Grant, and Roosevelt's birthdays, two speeches on Flag Day, and delivered the Memorial Day address, and on Sunday evening preceding Memorial Day in one of the churches, being the only speaker; attended many banquets given by the W. R. C., Ladies of the Grand Army, Daughters and Sons of Union Veterans, and other organizations, at which I made brief talks. The number of addresses I made of a patriotic character during the year were 52.

In my talks in the public schools I find that the children are hungry for information about the cause and results of the Civil War, and desire to hear about it from a Civil War soldier. Many of the school pupils and a few teachers said to me, and also wrote to me, that their school histories gave but little information about the conflict that saved the Union, and that they were going to the public libraries to learn more of the Civil War than that is contained in their textbooks. This is a work for our comrades to "carry on" in the public schools, giving to the children the true cause of the conflict, the blessing wrought not only to our Nation but to the world in our service and sacrifice made for national unity, justice, and humanity.

I am mindful of the high honor conferred on me by the fifty-ninth national encampment at Grand Rapids, Mich., for which I am gratefully thankful, and in severing my relationship with the official family I herewith extend to Commander in Chief John B. Inman and his adjutant general and other officials my sincere thanks and appreciation of the kindness and courtesies extended to me.

Loyally yours in F., C. and L.,

OSCAR A. JANES,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

NEWARK, N. J., *June 28, 1926.*

HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

DEAR COMRADE: I submit following report as junior vice commander in chief of the national department:

1. All recommendations made by the commander in chief I have carried out to the best of my ability, with the help of the department Women's Relief Corps, through Mrs. Kasner; department president of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Nellie Lehman; and the Sons of Veterans, its auxiliary, and other auxiliaries.

2. In relation to the Civil War veterans' pension bill providing pension of \$72 for our comrades and \$50 for widows of comrades, we have had replies from the two United States Senators from New Jersey, and all the New Jersey Congressmen, advising that they will vote for it.

3. The Senators and Congressmen from New Jersey also advise that they will vote to rescind the bill passed by the last Congress during its closing hours, turning the Lee mansion over to the Daughters of the Confederacy.

4. I obeyed all orders of the commander in chief to the best of my ability, and have had the loyal support of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the ladies' auxiliaries, and have been received with comradeship wherever I visited.

In closing I wish to thank the commander in chief and the officers of the national department for the support rendered me during my term in office.

I remain sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

WILLIAM O. ALLEN,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

FALL RIVER, MASS., *August 6, 1936.*

JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief, G. A. R.

DEAR COMMANDER: Allow me, through you, to express my sincere thanks to all members of the Grand Army for the distinction conferred upon me by my election as surgeon general of the Grand Army of the Republic at the fifty-ninth annual encampment held at Grand Rapids, Mich.

After my election, I hoped I might, during the year, do something worth while for our noble order. But, alas, I have been able to accomplish very little. So, now, as I come to make out my report, I can only say I regret that I have been able to do so little. I have tried in every way possible to do what I could to enhance the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic. Like many others, I am disappointed at action taken by the Government in regard to pensions. The discrimination in regard to widows; the inequality of the pension of the veterans. It appears, when it comes to pensions, the cry of economy is raised. It is singular to me that economy is made to apply upon the men who, by their heroic efforts and great sacrifices, saved the Union from dismemberment during those trying times from 1861 to 1865. But, comrades, keep up your courage. I believe when Congress meets again this mistake will be rectified and all receive their just dues. In every way, as the opportunity has presented itself, I have tried to encourage and strengthen the bonds which bind us together in comradeship.

With a steadfast faith in the future, as we are fast going down like the setting of the sun, let us all seek to strengthen the cords of fraternity, charity, and loyalty, and keep the flag floating, that it shall not trail in the dust.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

JOHN GILBERT, M. D., *Surgeon General.*



JOHN GILBERT
Surgeon General



W. P. McKINSEY
Chaplain in Chief

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

LEBANON, IND.

JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief, G. A. R.

DEAR COMMANDER: I have the honor to make the following report as chaplain in chief for the year from September, 1925, to September, 1926.

First. I wish to thank every one who had part in the matter for the enthusiastic and unanimous manner of my election to this highly honorable position of chaplain in chief. I have had many honors in my long life of 89 years. None have been so highly prized by me as this.

Second. I have received only 11 reports from national chaplains. I give names of departments and one item of details, the number of graves decorated on Decoration Day. Arkansas, 9,095 graves; Connecticut, 5,037; California, 2,215; Florida, 2,581; Indiana, 3,392; Illinois, 17,431; Minnesota, 4,969; Maine, 8,191; Massachusetts, 45,105; New Hampshire, 15,100; Oregon, 2,010; Pennsylvania, 4,121; Rhode Island, 8,714; total 165,449. These figures are probably very meager, but they give an idea of the veneration which the people have for our departed comrades.

Third. Our auxiliaries. The Women's Relief Corps are, in the Decoration Day as on all other occasions, in the van. The Sons of Veterans make a fine showing, as do all other organizations, according to number. It is greatly to be regretted that many people assume that our great day, the 30th of May, is a day for amusement and hilarity. No State is more pestered in this way than Indiana, because of the automobile races at our capitol city. It is to be hoped this custom of decoration will be kept up after the men of the Civil War are all gone to their eternal home. All the department chaplains make mention of memorial services on the Sabbath before Memorial Day proper. Your chaplain in chief had a fine time at St. Paul's M. E. Church, Indianapolis, that day.

The people everywhere seem to have a growing interest in what we accomplished in 1861 to 1865. I heard one of the leading bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, who was born in South Carolina, say last week at our Methodist assembly at Battle Ground, Ind.: "I am glad you Yankees won the day over the South in the war between the States." That was a great statement from a man of his wide influence and fine standing in the South. There are no better citizens in the Nation than the men in our ranks. They stand for the Constitution, and they obey the law. We have no bootleggers or blind-tiger outlaws. The principles for which we fought and stand were never more popular and never better understood, nor more firmly fixed in the heart of the Nation. Let us carry

on, proclaiming to all the principles of righteousness, godliness, and faith.

I have had a perfectly lovely time during the whole year, having many greetings and congratulations, also many invitations to attend functions, some of which I could attend and others could not on account of great distances and lack of car fare. I received a letter to-day inviting me to a reception to be given by the Women's Relief Corps of Vermont at the Rogers Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, Monday, p. m., September 20. This I will endeavor to attend.

Since writing the above, I have received the report from the chaplain of the Department of Missouri. He reports 8,000 graves decorated, bringing the number up to 173,049. Also the report from the chaplain of Georgia and South Carolina, who reports the number of graves decorated 23,944, and from the chaplain of the Department of Montana, 848 graves decorated, making a grand total of 197,841.

I am your obedient servant in F., C. and L.,

W. P. KINSEY, *Chaplain in Chief, G. A. R.*

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
Springfield, Ill., September 1, 1926.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.

DEAR COMRADE: I have the honor to make the following report for the year 1925-26 from the assistant adjutant generals of department which are as follows:

	Members	Posts
In good standing Dec. 31, 1924-----	55,642	3,429
Gains:		
By muster-----	407	
By transfer-----	621	
By reinstatement-----	986	
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Total gain -----	2,014	14
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	57,656	3,443
Losses:		
By death-----	6,820	
By honorable discharge-----	63	
By transfer-----	462	
By suspension-----	1,448	
By dishonorable discharge-----	5	
By delinquent reports and surrender of charter----	1,679	
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Total loss-----	10,477	225
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In good standing Dec. 31, 1925-----	47,179	3,218
Net loss for the year-----		10,477
Total number remaining suspended Dec. 31, 1925-----		773
Expended in relief, 16 departments reporting-----	\$20,761.78	
Number of families aided, seven departments reporting-----		348
Others aided, three departments reporting-----		42

Comparison of gains and losses with the preceding years are as follows:

Gains in 1924 were 2,738, those in 1925, 2,014, making a difference of 724. Losses in 1924 were 12,367, those in 1925, 10,477. This makes a decreased loss of 1,890 over last year. Death loss, 1924, was 7,545, in 1925, 6,820, a decrease of 725. Suspensions in 1924 were 1,579, in 1925, 1,448, making a decrease of 131. Loss by delinquent reports and surrender of charters, including dishonorable discharges, 1924, was 2,508, in 1925, 1,684, a decrease of 824 for the year.

In conclusion dear commander, I desire to thank the comrades and members of your staff, especially Generals Stowits, Quartermaster and Assistant Quartermaster General Town, and chief of staff, George A. Hosley, for their ever ready and valuable assistance in my duties as adjutant general.

To yourself I owe much for the aid you have given me with experience and knowledge of the Grand Army of the Republic, having very materially lightened my labors and rendered them a pleasure as well as a duty to my fellow comrades.

No words of mine would be adequate to convey the depth of gratitude I feel for the honor you have conferred upon me in the appointment of adjutant general, Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for the year ending December 31, 1925

Department	Dec. 31, 1924		Dec. 31, 1925		Posts		Members	
	Posts	Members	Posts	Members	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
Alabama	2	35	2	22				13
Arkansas	6	125	7	78			2	25
California and Nevada	90	3, 813	89	3, 441		1	244	616
Colorado and Wyoming	39	800	34	658	2	7	35	184
Connecticut	50	762	48	663		2	6	105
Delaware	6	74	5	54		3		18
Florida	14	521	12	412		1	27	136
Georgia and South Carolina	5	53	6	35				7
Idaho	14	230	14	184		1	1	47
Illinois	277	4, 374	262	3, 744		15	213	843
Indiana	151	3, 205	150	2, 448		1	130	887
Iowa	200	2, 954	202	2, 631	2		84	407
Kansas	206	3, 076	202	2, 560		4	137	556
Kentucky	32	397	32	331		3		66
Louisiana and Mississippi	12	109	6	47		6		62
Maine	67	773	67	685	6	6	51	139
Maryland	23	429	20	342		3	9	96
Massachusetts	168	3, 117	158	2, 667		10	50	500
Michigan	136	2, 210	118	1, 780		18	112	532
Minnesota	109	1, 129	100	954		9	26	201
Missouri	82	1, 542	80	1, 276		2	56	322
Montana	11	145	10	135		1	14	24
Nebraska	122	1, 260	110	1, 098	1	13	4	166
New Hampshire	59	437	44	394			44	87
New Jersey	79	986	53	798		23	11	197
New Mexico	3	44	3	40				4
New York	350	5, 027	346	4, 315		4	129	841
North Dakota	10	90	11	97			22	15
Ohio	310	5, 658	293	4, 637	3	20	257	1, 278
Oklahoma	41	551	34	402		11	44	172
Oregon	54	1, 002	37	822		12		167
Pennsylvania	325	5, 416	301	4, 673		25	66	809
Potomac	7	401	7	331			8	78
Rhode Island	19	346	19	289			7	64
South Dakota	36	322	30	257		7	13	49
Tennessee	14	174	12	136		2	19	57
Texas	10	128	10	126				12
Utah	5	86	5	79			3	10
Vermont	63	598	58	519		5	5	84
Virginia and North Carolina	15	165	13	144		1		21
Washington and Alaska	61	1, 171	55	1, 041			63	193
West Virginia	22	442	22	385			16	79
Wisconsin	140	1, 640	131	1, 449		9	106	297
Total	3, 445	55, 817	3, 218	47, 179	14	225	2, 014	10, 477



HENRY B. DAVIDSON
Adjutant General



RUFUS L. CHASE
Assistant Adjutant General

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

DES MOINES, IOWA, *September 10, 1926.*

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R.

COMRADE: The honor conferred in my appointment as assistant adjutant general of the Grand Army of the Republic was appreciated very much by myself. I am sorry that you did not require my assistance more than you did. Your administration has been so good it would have pleased me to have been of more assistance to you.

When the U. S. W. V. held their national encampment at Des Moines, under your instructions I represented you as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and had the pleasure at their memorial exercises of presenting a wreath of flowers to show our love and respect for their members who had passed to the other side.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

RUFUS L. CHASE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

BUFFALO, N. Y., August 3, 1926.

JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief, G. A. R.

DEAR COMMANDER: I have the honor to submit the following report of the work done in this office during the current term. To the best of my ability I have endeavored for the past 19 years to comply with our rules and carry on the high standard and dignity of our order and inspire respect and reverence for it.

Our financial condition is sound and good. We have in the general fund \$10,147.91 and in the southern memorial fund \$4,887.52, making a total of cash on hand of \$15,035.43. From the amount in the general fund must be paid the salaries of the officers for the month of August, traveling expenses, printing of the rolls and reports, testimonials, reporting the proceedings of the sixtieth national encampment, and other incidental expenses connected with the present administration, amounting in the aggregate to about \$2,000. To carry on the work of our order in a proper manner it requires each year about \$3,000 for salaries, \$3,000 for general expenses, and \$1,500 for southern memorial fund. I do not see how these amounts for current items can be reduced if we wish to hold our recognized influence and standing in the Nation. Commander in chief must visit departments when requested, general orders must be published, and every detail maintained, else we shall as a mighty order die standing on our feet, absolutely in oblivion in a very short time. No department should disband; we must stand by "the old ship" to the end. Remember, we have a permanent fund to help us along when necessary to use it.

Woman's Relief Corps.—Our auxiliary has continued to sustain its proud record of the past, standing supreme among all the organizations for patriotic and charitable work. It has been of great benefit to us and of enormous value in teaching love of country and the flag. Its contributions for the term were \$1,000 to the general fund and \$1,000 to the southern memorial fund. Under wise leadership during the year grand results have been accomplished, and we extend our gratitude. May success attend all their efforts.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.—This order stands very close to the Grand Army of the Republic because of its kinship by blood to our comrades and for the further reason that the largest part of its mission is to help our needy comrades and our widows and orphans when suffering or in trouble. They should receive the earnest commendation and hearty support of all comrades. They contributed \$339 to the southern memorial fund, which, however, did not reach us in time to use for Memorial Day.

Daughters of Veterans.—This is the youngest of our allied organizations. The members are our daughters, exhibiting their loyalty on



COLA D. R. STOWITS
Quartermaster General

every proper occasion. They have the enthusiasm, patriotism, and ambition of their elders and are teaching these lessons to others. They contributed during the past year \$1,000 to the general fund and \$700 to the southern memorial fund. They certainly have a great influence for the good of the cause, and we should give them our aid in building up their order and assist them in every way.

Sons of Veterans.—Their motives are as pure and patriotic as our own, and we should help them by every means in our power. We have transmitted to them the patriotic blood that flows in our veins and endowed them with a noble heritage, which they prize more than any decoration that could be bestowed upon them. They are our legitimate successors in keeping alive our memories and doing all possible in helping to build up a Nation to stand as a bulwark against those who threaten the safety of our Union or the liberties of the American people.

Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.—This is an organization of loyal, patriotic young women, ever on the alert to keep step with any movement that will give aid and comfort to G. A. R. members, and to this end they gave us during the past year the substantial sum of \$1,200. We surely extend to them our most sincere thanks and wish for them a happy and prosperous future.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to Commander in Chief Inman, his adjutant general, assistant quartermaster general, for the assistance rendered in carrying on the work, and to all of my other comrades for the courtesies extended to me during the year.

Fraternally yours,

C. D. R. STOWITS,
National Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of books, August 1, 1925, to September 10, 1925

Cash balance in all funds as reported to the fifty-ninth national encampment	\$14, 724. 63
Subsequent receipts:	
Sale of supplies.....	\$33. 96
Per capita tax.....	3. 70
Woman's Relief Corps.....	1, 000. 00
Daughters of Veterans.....	1, 000. 00
Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.....	1, 200. 00
Donation	5. 00
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	3, 242. 66
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	17, 967. 29
Disbursements:	
Traveling.....	118. 88
Expenses	1, 270. 14
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Total cash in all funds Sept. 10, 1925.....	16, 578. 27
To be divided as follows:	
General fund	13, 740. 50
Southern memorial fund.....	2, 837. 77
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	16, 578. 27

Account current

DEBIT

Cash received for term ending Aug. 3, 1926: Balance in all funds
as reported in the supplemental report, Sept. 10, 1925----- \$16,578.27

Subsequent receipts:

Sale of supplies-----	\$1,169.28	
Per capita tax-----	4,826.20	
Southern memorial fund-----	2,049.75	
Interest from bank to July 1, 1926-----	189.11	
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		24,812.61

CREDIT

Cash paid out for term ending Aug. 3, 1926:

Supplies-----	574.56
Traveling-----	2,156.63
Salaries-----	3,208.29
Expense-----	2,337.70
Southern memorial fund-----	1,500.00
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	9,777.18

Total cash in all funds, Aug. 3, 1926-----	15,035.43
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To be credited as follows:

General fund-----	10,147.91
Southern memorial fund-----	4,887.52
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	15,035.43

*Sale of supplies, per capita tax, Southern Memorial Fund, interest, etc., received
for term ending August 3, 1926*

Department	Supplies	Feb. 1, 1926	July 1, 1926	Southern memorial fund	General fund
Alabama	\$2. 15	\$1. 75	\$1. 75		
Arkansas	2. 95	5. 05	5. 05		
California and Nevada	95. 78	172. 05	172. 50		
Colorado and Wyoming	6. 30	32. 90	32. 90		
Connecticut	6. 80	33. 10	33. 10		
Delaware		2. 85	2. 85		
Florida	13. 10	20. 45	20. 60		
Georgia and South Carolina		2. 10	2. 10		
Idaho	1. 50	9. 20	9. 20		
Illinois	75. 17	187. 20	187. 20		
Indiana	17. 40	122. 40	122. 40		
Iowa	73. 55	131. 55	131. 55		
Kansas	16. 65	128. 30	128. 30		
Kentucky	6. 50	16. 55	16. 55		
Louisiana and Mississippi		2. 35	3. 40		
Maine	33. 85	34. 25	34. 25		
Maryland	7. 35	17. 10	17. 10		
Massachusetts	56. 84	133. 35	133. 35		
Michigan	3. 13	89. 00	89. 00		
Minnesota	11. 58	47. 70	47. 70		
Missouri	11. 75	63. 80	63. 80		
Montana	5. 20	13. 50			
Nebraska	10. 20	54. 90	54. 90		
New Hampshire	1. 60	19. 70	19. 70		
New Jersey	3. 90	39. 50	39. 90		
New Mexico		2. 00	2. 15		
New York	53. 70	215. 75	215. 75		
North Dakota	1. 15	4. 85	4. 85		
Ohio	. 60	231. 85	231. 85		
Oklahoma	18. 50	20. 10	20. 00		
Oregon	3. 00	41. 10	41. 10		
Pennsylvania	73. 78	233. 65	233. 65		
Potomac	. 40	16. 55	16. 55		
Rhode Island	6. 75	14. 45	14. 45		
South Dakota	2. 92	12. 85	12. 85		
Tennessee	2. 00	6. 90	6. 80		
Texas	5. 50	5. 30	5. 30		
Utah		3. 95	3. 95		
Vermont	3. 80	25. 95	25. 95		
Virginia and North Carolina	1. 50	7. 20	7. 20		
Washington and Alaska	14. 08	104. 10	104. 10		
West Virginia	4. 20	19. 25	19. 25		
Wisconsin	15. 75	72. 45	72. 45		
Aides	498. 40				
Woman's Relief Corps				\$1,000.00	
Daughters of Veterans				700. 00	
Ladies of G. A. R.				339. 00	
Contribution from Oklahoma				1. 75	
Refund from Tennessee				9. 00	
Interest from bank					\$189.11
Total	1, 169. 28	2, 405. 35	2, 420. 85	2, 049. 75	189. 11

Statement of disbursements for term ended August 3, 1926
[By C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general]

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	Southern memorial fund
Sept. 14	1	Samuel P. Town, past adjutant general:		\$118. 09			
		Expenses with stenographer to Grand Rapids and return:				\$38. 38	
		Packing furniture and freight charges:				15. 20	
21	2	General Orders, No. 7, and postage:					
		American Surety Co.: Premium on quartermaster general's bond:				12. 50	
30	3	John B. Inman, commander in chief, traveling expenses:		300. 00			
	4	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for September:			\$125. 00		
	5	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, salary for September:			100. 00		
	6	Samuel P. Town, custodian:					
		Salary for September:			25. 00		
		Expense for September:				5. 00	
	7	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:					
		Salary for September:			41. 66		
		Expense for August and September:				25. 20	
Oct. 5	8	Adams & White Co., envelopes and cards:				17. 55	
	9	Adam, Meldrum & Anderson, office supplies:				17. 00	
	10	Gordon L. Elliott, reporting fifty-ninth national encampment:				200. 00	
	11	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general:					
		Expense for September:				11. 61	
		Expense for October:				55. 83	
	13	Illinois State Journal, General Orders, No. 2:				71. 75	
	14	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, salary for October:			100. 00		
Nov. 1	15	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for October:			125. 00		
	16	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:					
		Salary for October:			41. 66		
		Expense for October:				12. 25	
	17	Samuel P. Town, custodian:					
		Salary for October:			25. 00		
4		Expense for October:				7. 00	
	18	Town Printing Co., 29,000 blanks, etc., 5,500 letter sheets:				315. 75	

17	19	Wagner Taylor Co., premium on insurance on stock				18. 80
Dec.	20	Joseph K. Davidson's Sons, 500 members' badges				
1	21	Office Equipment Co., Des Moines, Iowa, 1 Corona typewriter sent to Joseph Dutton, Molokai, Hawaii	\$200. 00			60. 00
	22	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, salary for November		100. 00		
	23	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for November		125. 00		
	24	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for November		41. 66		
	25	Expense for November Samuel P. Town, custodian: Salary for November		25. 00		9. 20
	25	Expense for November Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, expense for October and November				5. 00
30	27	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for December		41. 67		80. 60
	28	Expense, November and December Samuel P. Town, custodian: Salary for December		25. 00		40. 00
		Expense for December Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, salary for December				6. 75
	30	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for December		100. 00		
	31	Town Printing Co., 6,000 letterheads		125. 00		
	32	John B. Inman, commander in chief, traveling expense		250. 00		72. 00
Jan.	33	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, expense for December				
	34	Expenses of trip to Chicago and Des Moines		120. 00		61. 93
12	35	George A. Hosley, chief of staff, trip to Des Moines		135. 75		
14	36	Silas H. Towler, executive committee, trip to Des Moines		28. 95		
Feb.	2	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for January		41. 66		
	38	Expense for January Samuel P. Town, custodian: Salary for January		25. 00		10. 00
	39	Expense for January Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, salary for January		100. 00		5. 00
2	40	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for January		125. 00		
4	41	Lewis S. Pilcher, legislative committee, trip to Washington		25. 16		

Statement of disbursements for term ended August 3, 1926—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	Southern memorial fund
Feb.	2	A. J. Gehagen, legislative committee, trip to Washington		\$69. 04			
	43	John R. King, legislative committee, trip to Washington		11. 15			
	44	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general:					
		Trip to Des Moines, etc		61. 22		\$108. 92	
		Expense for January					
	45	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, expense account, department officers				10. 55	
	46	Jos. K. Davidson's Sons, aids' badges, etc				143. 60	
	47	John R. King, attending Potomac encampment				7. 50	
	25	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:					
	27	Salary for February			\$41. 67		
		Expense for February				9. 25	
Mar.	49	M. Lockwood, 200 vouchers				6. 75	
	50	John L. Clem, legislative committee, expense at Washington				6. 80	
	51	Samuel P. Town, custodian:					
		Salary for February			25. 00		
		Expense for February				5. 00	
	52	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, salary for February			100. 00		
	53	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for February			125. 00		
	4	C. D. R. Stowits, secretary:					
	31	Salary for March			41. 66		
		Expense for March				8. 75	
	55	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, salary for March			100. 00		
	56	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for March			125. 00		
	57	John B. Inman, commander in chief, account traveling expenses		250. 00			
	58	Samuel P. Town, custodian:					
		Salary for March			25. 00		
		For 9 electrotypes	\$9. 56				
		For envelopes				1. 47	
	59	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, expense for March				61. 56	
Apr.	30	Oscar A. Janes, expenses attending Massachusetts and New Hampshire encampments		87. 27			

May	1	61	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for April	41.66	10.00	
	1	62	Expense for April			
		63	George R. Pettis, assistant adjutant general, Department of Georgia and South Carolina			\$350.00
		64	John B. Inman, commander in chief, account traveling expenses	400.00		
		65	A. R. Sawyer, assistant adjutant general, Department of Florida			50.00
		66	John A. Barr, assistant adjutant general, Department of Alabama			50.00
		67	George W. Clark, assistant adjutant general, Department of Arkansas			120.00
		68	Oscar Pilman, assistant adjutant general, Department of Louisiana and Mississippi			80.00
		69	B. F. Bashor, assistant adjutant general, Department of Tennessee			200.00
		70	Charles H. Haber, department commander, Department of Virginia and North Carolina			600.00
		71	J. S. Ewing, assistant adjutant general, Department of Texas			50.00
	3	72	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general: Salary for April	100.00	237.30	
			Expense for April			
		73	Samuel P. Town, custodian: Salary for April	25.00		
			Expense for April		5.00	
	1	74	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for April	125.00		
June			C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for May	41.66		
	2	75	Expense for May (Memorial Day, etc.)		21.25	
		76	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, salary for May	100.00		
		77	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for May	125.00		
			John B. Inman, commander in chief, account traveling expenses	250.00		
	21	78	Samuel P. Town, custodian, salary for May	25.00		
	23	79	Hortsmann & Co., 16 pieces flag ribbon		120.00	
		80	Eben F. MacLeod, chairman Western Passenger Association, 45,000 identification certificates		142.25	

Statement of disbursements for term ended August 3, 1926—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	Southern memorial fund
July	2	H. B. Davidson, adjutant general, expense for May and June				\$48. 89	
	6	Samuel P. Town, custodian: Salary for June			\$25. 00	6. 00	
		Expense for June				200. 00	
	83	Editing journal fifty-ninth national encampment					
	84	John L. Clem, chairman legislative committee, expense account pensions				53. 25	
	85	Horstmann & Co., 11 pieces flag ribbon	\$82. 50				
	86	Joseph K. Davison's Sons, straps, ribbons, and buttons	162. 50				
	87	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for June			41. 67		
		Expense for June, express, postage, sending out 45,000 certificates				29. 81	
	31	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for June			125. 00		
	88	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, salary for June			100. 00		
	89	Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, salary for July			100. 00		
	90	Esther M. Taylor, secretary, salary for July			125. 00		
	91	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for July			41. 66		
	92	Expense for July				24. 50	
	93	John B. Inman, commander in chief, account traveling expenses		\$50. 00			
	94	Samuel P. Town, custodian: Salary for July			25. 00		
		Expense for July				15. 00	
		Total	574. 56	2, 156. 63	3, 208. 29	2, 337. 70	\$1, 500. 00

Supplies on hand, purchased, and remaining on hand for the year ending July 31, 1926

	Rules and regula- tions	Rituals	Officers' cards	Service books	Odes	Applications	Leaves of absence	Transfers	Discharges	Post charters	Descriptive books	Bluebooks	Badges	Rank straps	Buttons	Ribbons	Electrotypes	Cost
On hand July 30, 1925	1, 527	235	699	503	850	2, 000	893	675	707	170	61	20	395	473	1, 641	33	31	\$682. 30
Purchased as per contract													902	330	2, 000	30	9	838. 80
To be accounted for																		
Issued	1, 527 17	235 37	699 44	503 61	850	2, 000 300	893 62	675 260	707	170 8	61 4	20	1, 297 761	803 353	3, 641 1, 902	63 12	40 15	1, 521. 10 692. 72
Balance on hand July 31, 1926	1, 510	198	655	442	850	1, 700	831	415	707	162	57	20	536	450	1, 739	51	25	828. 38

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND

Account of William J. Patterson, treasurer of the permanent fund, Grand Army of the Republic, for period from August 1, 1925, to August 21, 1926, inclusive

SECURITIES ON DEPOSIT WITH THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH

1926.			
Aug.	20.	4½ per cent corporation stock, city of New York-----	\$17,000.00
		4½ per cent Cleveland school bonds-----	4,000.00
		4 per cent Philadelphia registered loans-----	9,800.00
		4¼ per cent United States Liberty loan, No. 3-----	1,500.00
Total-----			<u>32,300.00</u>

INCOME

1925.			
Aug.	1.	To balance of cash on hand with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh-----	4,181.22
	20.	To interest Cleveland school bonds-----	\$90.00
Sept.	15.	To interest United States Liberty loan-----	31.88
Nov.	4.	To interest New York City corporation stock----	382.50
1926.			
Jan.	2.	To interest Philadelphia registered loans-----	196.00
Feb.	20.	To interest Cleveland school bonds-----	90.00
Mar.	15.	To interest United States Liberty loan-----	31.87
May	1.	To interest New York City corporation stock----	382.50
June	24.	To interest on daily balances for the year in the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh-----	92.37
July	1.	To interest Philadelphia registered loans-----	196.00
Aug.	20.	To interest Cleveland school bonds-----	90.00
			<u>1,583.12</u>
			<u>5,764.34</u>

EXPENDITURES

1926.			
Aug.	21.	By 5 per cent to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh for collection of interest-----	74.54
			<u>74.54</u>
	21.	Cash balance on deposit with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh-----	5,689.80

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
L. F. ARENSBERG,
Trustee and Treasurer.
JOHN R. KING, *Trustee.*

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depositary for the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby certifies that the foregoing annual statement to August 21, 1926, showing \$32,300 in securities and \$5,689.80 cash on deposit with this company is correct.

THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH.
By W. W. GRINSTEAD, *Trust Officer.*

Statement of total number of posts, membership, and financial condition of departments of the Grand Army of the Republic

Department	Posts	Members	Value of real estate	Cash, post and relief	Furnishings	Total value of property
Alabama-----	2	35	-----	\$260. 00	-----	\$260. 00
Arkansas-----	7	101	-----	-----	-----	1, 125. 00
California and Nevada-----	89	3, 441	\$6, 125. 00	20, 265. 90	\$5, 197. 00	37, 415. 94
Colorado and Wyoming-----	34	658	1, 000. 00	7, 807. 27	3, 227. 00	12, 034. 27
Connecticut-----	48	662	706. 25	327. 26	140. 82	1, 934. 43
Delaware-----	5	57	-----	-----	-----	-----
Florida-----	12	409	1, 600. 00	768. 85	310. 00	2, 678. 85
Georgia and South Carolina-----	6	42	-----	-----	-----	-----
Idaho-----	14	184	9, 029. 00	-----	621. 90	9, 650. 90
Illinois-----	262	3, 744	34, 880. 00	29, 531. 42	10, 797. 45	75, 208. 87
Indiana-----	150	2, 448	-----	5, 632. 64	15, 890. 75	21, 523. 39
Iowa-----	202	2, 631	13, 000. 00	3, 751. 84	4, 592. 60	21, 344. 44
Kansas-----	202	2, 560	7, 938. 83	8, 801. 71	4, 630. 10	21, 370. 64
Kentucky-----	32	331	-----	3, 736. 30	300. 00	4, 036. 30
Louisiana and Mississippi-----	6	47	-----	-----	-----	-----
Maine-----	67	685	12, 460. 00	9, 577. 15	4, 413. 12	26, 450. 27
Maryland-----	20	342	-----	9, 188. 93	1, 571. 00	10, 759. 93
Massachusetts-----	158	2, 667	80, 450. 00	260, 750. 98	21, 760. 98	362, 961. 96
Michigan-----	118	1, 780	-----	-----	10, 000. 00	15, 000. 00
Minnesota-----	100	954	-----	13, 105. 57	-----	13, 105. 57
Missouri-----	80	1, 276	-----	66, 834. 06	-----	73, 455. 60
Montana-----	10	135	200. 00	1, 464. 14	280. 00	1, 844. 14
Nebraska-----	110	1, 098	4, 250. 00	3, 251. 12	3, 903. 55	14, 404. 67
New Hampshire-----	44	394	16, 638. 11	10, 599. 31	7, 775. 43	40, 010. 85
New Jersey-----	53	798	13, 800. 00	2, 107. 18	14, 451. 00	30, 357. 60
New Mexico-----	3	40	-----	-----	-----	-----
New York-----	346	4, 315	11, 861. 50	62, 705. 60	25, 916. 49	100, 483. 59
North Dakota-----	11	95	-----	-----	-----	-----
Ohio-----	293	4, 637	9, 280. 00	36, 119. 05	13, 594. 24	58, 993. 29
Oklahoma-----	34	402	-----	436. 87	523. 25	960. 12
Oregon-----	37	822	-----	-----	-----	8, 011. 62
Pennsylvania-----	301	4, 673	58, 600. 00	42, 796. 00	2, 500. 00	103, 896. 00
Potomac-----	7	331	-----	5, 432. 94	353. 49	5, 786. 43
Rhode Island-----	19	289	-----	8, 488. 84	4, 560. 00	13, 048. 84
South Dakota-----	30	257	2, 000. 00	371. 25	2, 130. 80	4, 502. 05
Tennessee-----	12	136	-----	1, 093. 35	-----	1, 093. 35
Texas-----	10	106	-----	-----	-----	-----
Utah-----	5	79	550. 00	480. 98	130. 00	1, 160. 98
Vermont-----	58	519	-----	1, 847. 08	1, 850. 00	9, 697. 08
Virginia and North Carolina-----	13	144	-----	-----	-----	-----
Washington and Alaska-----	55	1, 041	-----	-----	-----	300. 00
West Virginia-----	22	385	-----	528. 32	247. 00	775. 32
Wisconsin-----	131	1, 449	1, 740. 00	12, 110. 35	9, 997. 10	23, 847. 45
Total-----	3, 218	47, 199	286, 108. 69	636, 172. 26	171, 807. 07	1,134,229.74

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

SULLIVAN, ILL., August 16, 1926.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R.

DEAR COMMANDER: I respectfully submit the following as my report as judge advocate general:

During the part of the year that I have been acting as judge advocate general no original question has been submitted to me, and therefore I have no specific report to make. I want to thank you for your kindness and consideration in deeming me worthy to fill so important a position in the Grand Army of the Republic and for your appointment.

The only question that has been submitted to me by the commander in chief was the Oregon question in the case of Parker N. Lathrop, which had been decided by my predecessor in his opinion designated as Opinion No. 8, and which ought to have been a closed question; but after you had issued your order declaring the office of department commander of the Department of Oregon vacant for the reason stated in the opinions of Judge Advocate General Robert W. McBride, Mr. Lathrop brought a suit in the civil courts of Oregon seeking to enjoin the execution of your order, and which suit when heard was decided adversely to the complainant. And the only remaining question is one for the encampment when it meets at Des Moines, Iowa, as to what ought to be done in case a department willfully violates or refuses to carry into effect the order of the commander in chief.

I therefore submit this my report for the few months that I have been acting as judge advocate general.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

W. G. COCHRAN,
Judge Advocate General, G. A. R.

OPINION No. 1

SEPTEMBER 23, 1925.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R.,
Capitol Building, Springfield, Ill.

DEAR COMMANDER: You have submitted to me a communication from Comrade James R. Johnson, of Kansas City, Kans., inquiring as to the present status of the Sons of Veterans (since the last encampment properly styled "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"), in relation to the Grand Army of the Republic.

I had supposed that this matter had been so clearly set out that there was no need of anything further from this department relating thereto.

At the encampment at Milwaukee an ineffectual effort was made to amend rules and regulations so as to provide for admission of members of that organization to regular meetings of posts, without vote. While the amendment failed, the action of the encampment indicated such a wish that members of that organization be permitted to attend meetings of posts, that the commander in chief in issuing General Order No. 2, which will be found on page 252 of the Journal of the Fifty-eighth National Encampment, held at Boston, provided a method by which this wish of the national encampment could be carried into effect without any change in rules and regulations. They are, however, not to be recognized in any manner or in any sense as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, but at the option of the post they may be permitted to attend post meetings simply as visitors without votes.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT W. McBRIDE.
Judge Advocate General, G. A. R.

Approved, September 30, 1925.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.

OPINION No. 2

SEPTEMBER 25, 1925.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R.,
Capitol Building, Springfield Ill.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: You have submitted to me the following letter and asked me to give an opinion thereon:

SEPTEMBER 16, 1925.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, Springfield, Ill.

HONORED SIR: I am commander of Given Post, No. 133, of this city, and as such I ask your decision on the following question:

"All of the patriotic orders of this city are asking that they be given official recognition in the exercises of Decoration Day. The Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army are conducting these exercises as now ordered, but the World War, Spanish war boys, and other organizations are seeking to have a part by being recognized.

"Is there any ruling on this question? If so, what is it? They always are guests, but now they are asking for official representation. Can this be given?"

Thanking you for your reply, I am, respectfully,

JESSE McCLELLAN,
Commander Given Post, No. 133, G. A. R.
Wooster, Ohio.

When Gen. John A. Logan established Decoration Day, by General Order, May 5, 1868, and when the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of 1877 adopted article 14 of rules and regulations establishing Memorial Day, their purpose was to commemorate the deeds of our fallen comrades. But when the national encampment met at Columbus, Ohio, in 1919, C. E. Adams, who was then commander in chief, recommended the advisability of broadening and extending Memorial Day exercises to include the graves of the soldiers of all our wars, and asked the unanimous consent of the encampment thereto, and that such action be taken as would make it the permanent policy of our order to hold sacred the resting places of all those who had served our country in times of war. (See Journal of Fifty-third National Encampment, p. 103.) This was unanimously approved by the national encampment.

Past Commander in Chief William A. Ketcham, in his Memorial Day order, issued in the succeeding year, included therein the following:

Let the soldiers of all wars be formally invited to participate in your exercises to the end that they may fully appreciate that it was by and through your service and your sacrifices that they were privileged to do for the world what you had the opportunity to do for the land you loved.

An examination of the Memorial Day orders subsequently issued show that since that time our several commanders in chief have recognized the fact that all barriers were thrown down, and that the day should be devoted to the purpose of doing honor to the memory of all who have served our country at any time in any war, and that all patriotic citizens are invited to participate in its observance.

Through some unaccountable oversight article 14 still stands as originally adopted. Let us hope that the next national encampment will amend and broaden it to conform to that which has been our uniform practice for years.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT W. McBRIDE,
Judge Advocate General, G. A. R.

Approved, September 30, 1925.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.

OPINION No. 3

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *November 2, 1925.*

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R.,
Capitol Building, Springfield, Ill.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: You have submitted to me correspondence relative to the appointment of Comrade W. C. Chandler, of the Department of Tennessee, as an aid de camp on your staff.

B. F. Bashor, assistant adjutant general, writes as follows:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE, G. A. R.,
October 23, 1925.

Comrade HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General, Springfield, Ill.

DEAR COMRADE: Your favor of September 30 has been received. Please excuse delay, as I had to correspond with department commander of Tennessee, being cause of delay. You will see by the inclosed that W. C. Chandler is not a member in the Department of Tennessee, and according to rules and regulations is not recommended as aid de camp on staff of the commander in chief; therefore I am returning money order for \$1.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

B. F. BASHOR,
Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Tennessee.

With this is the following:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE,
August 15, 1925.

Comrade L. E. ARENSBERG, *Commander in Chief.*
Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWN, *Adjutant General.*
Comrade COLA D. R. STOWITS, *Quartermaster General.*
Comrade F. M. MILLER, *Commander Department of Tennessee.*
Comrade JOHN C. MORDOUGH, *Council of Administration, Department of Tennessee.*
Comrade A. J. GAHAGAN, *National Committee on Resolutions.*

In the case of W. C. Chandler, by vote of the national encampment at Boston, Mass., 1924, he was ordered put on the roll of Post No. 106, Department of Tennessee, which order was obeyed promptly at 10 a. m. September 26, 1924, and at 10.30 a. m. he paid his dues of \$1 and was given the national and department countersign and admitted to a seat and vote in post, and at 11 a. m., and by previous notice, post voted to disband; 9 members present and voting 7 for and 2 against disbanding were transferred.

This purports to show action by Post No. 106, Department of Tennessee, but it is not authenticated by any person or in any manner. Following that is a letter from W. C. Chandler to B. F. Bashor, which reads as follows:

KNOXVILLE, TENN., October 10, 1924.

B. F. BASHOR,
Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Tennessee.

DEAR COMRADE: I understand from Department Commander John Farmer that all transfers had been issued, and mine among them. Kindly inclose mine in the inclosed envelope, self-addressed, and I shall be obliged.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

W. C. CHANDLER,
Past Department Commander, Tennessee.

This is followed by a statement in the following language, signed by B. F. Bashor, assistant adjutant general of Tennessee, as follows:

And up to date, August 15, 1925, W. C. Chandler has not made application nor been admitted to any post in Tennessee, or no report has been made of same.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

B. F. BASHOR,
Assistant Adjutant General, Tennessee.

Assuming that taken together this correctly states all of the facts, W. C. Chandler does not seem to be at this time a member of the Department of Tennessee, if a member at all of the Grand Army of the Republic.

If his post surrendered its charter on the 26th day of September, 1924, all of its members in good standing were entitled to have transfer cards issued to them by the assistant adjutant general of

the department, and it seems that on the 10th day of October, 1924. Chandler applied for his transfer card. If the card was in fact issued, he then became a member under the provisions of article 4 of rules and regulations, which membership would continue until the expiration of one year from the date of the surrender of the charter. If at the expiration of a year from that date he had not been admitted to membership in any post, the transfer card would become void, and he would be considered as honorably discharged from the order.

This transfer card could have been submitted to any post in the Department of Tennessee or to any other post in any department. If it is true, as stated in the documents examined by me, that this card was in fact issued as the law requires, and has not been deposited and Chandler admitted as a member of any other post in the Department of Tennessee, he is no longer a member of the Grand Army of the Republic in that department.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT W. McBRIDE,
Judge Advocate General, G. A. R.

Approved, November 3, 1925.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE,
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Assistant Adjutant General. Department of Tennessee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE,
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The following is a copy of letter from W. C. Chandler to B. F. Bashor:

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B. F. BASHOR,

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Tennessee.

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Yours in F., C., and L.,

W. C. CHANDLER.

Past Department Commander Tennessee.

And up to date, August 15, 1925, W. C. Chandler has not made application nor been admitted to any post in Tennessee, or no report has been made of same.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

B. F. BASHOR.

Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Tennessee.

OPINION No. 4

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 2, 1925.

JOHN B. INMAN,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Springfield, Ill.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER: You have submitted to me an inquiry from Joseph M. Norton, senior vice commander Post No. 1, Department of Illinois, as to whether or not our ritual should be loaned to any other organization to conduct a funeral for Civil War comrades or anyone else.

The burial service of the Grand Army of the Republic is no part of our secret work, and I do not think any provision of Grand Army law will be violated by allowing its use by any other organization in conducting a funeral for any person. It is a beautiful service, and an application for permission to use it would, in my judgment, be evidence of appreciation and unobjectionable.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT W. McBRIDE,

Judge Advocate General G. A. R.

Approved, November 3, 1925.

JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief.

OPINION No. 5

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 4, 1925.

JOHN B. INMAN,

*Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,
Springfield, Ill.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER: I have before me the letter of C. M. Bills, from Denver, Colo., under date of October 31, 1925, concerning admission of Sons of Veterans to visit Grand Army posts, and I will try to make my answer to it plain enough to cover every case.

When a Son of Veteran seeks admission to a Grand Army post he should convince the commander that he is a Son of Veteran in good standing. He should then be admitted simply as a visitor, with no power to vote or to act in any way as if he were a member of the post. They can not be given our countersign, nor can we require that they have a visiting card from their camp. It will be enough if they can convince us that they are members of the Sons of Veterans, and whether or not their evidence of that fact is sufficient is left entirely to the commander of the post.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT W. McBRIDE,
Judge Advocate General G. A. R.

Approved, November 12, 1925.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.

OPINION No. 6

YACHT CLUB INN,
Dunedin, Fla., January 14, 1926.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,
Springfield, Ill.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: You ask me concerning the eligibility of Gen. Charles King, of Wisconsin, for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is my understanding that General King was appointed a cadet at West Point in 1862 by Abraham Lincoln. That previously thereto he had acted as a guide of Gen. W. S. Hancock the first time he crossed the Potomac at the head of his brigade. That he acted as a mounted orderly at the headquarters of Gen. Rufus King from August to October, 1861, for which services he was awarded the Lincoln medal for services at the front. He was graduated from West Point in 1866 and immediately appointed as a second lieutenant of Artillery. Since that time he has been constantly in the military service of the United States, but was placed on the retired list in 1879. That he has since served his country as a soldier, with honor, in the Spanish-American War and in the World War.

In my judgment, he is eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, and I for one will be glad and proud to welcome him as a member.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,

ROBERT W. McBRIDE,
Judge Advocate General, G. A. R.

Approved, January 18, 1926.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.

OPINION No. 7

YACHT CLUB INN,
Dunedin, Fla., February 3, 1926.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Springfield, Ill.

DEAR COMMANDER: I am asked concerning the action of the national encampment at Indianapolis permitting the employment of a person not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic to do the clerical work of a post.

Such persons can be employed to keep the minutes of a post or its accounts, or do any other clerical work necessary, but they do not, in any sense, thereby become officers of the post. They may do the clerical work of the adjutant or of the quartermaster but they do not, thereby, become either adjutant or quartermaster or acquire any other rights incident to membership. They should not be installed into office and, while they may write the reports of such officers, the report must be signed by the officer himself and must evidence his official action.

No one not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic can hold any office in any post nor be installed into any office therein.

Very respectfully,

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE,
Judge Advocate General, G. A. R.

Approved, February 6, 1926.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.

OPINION No. 8

YACHT CLUB INN,
Dunedin, Fla., February 10, 1926.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, Springfield, Ill.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: The Oregon matter, which you have referred to me and concerning which you have asked my opinion, is a continuation of a controversy which began near the close of the administration of Commander in Chief Arensberg and which was then referred to me. The question then was as to the right of Department Commander P. N. Lathrop to sit in the national encampment as the department commander of Oregon. The matter came so near the time of the encampment that there was little time to devote to the questions involved. By my advice the commander in chief referred the questions involved to three eminent and able past commanders in chief with the request that they advise him if he would be justified in excluding Department Commander Lathrop from the national encampment.

That committee had a meeting for the investigation of the matter in my room at the Hotel Pantlind. At this meeting were present.

besides the committee, P. N. Lathrop, several members of the Oregon delegation, and myself. The only evidence presented and considered was the record of the conviction and sentence of the acting department commander to four years in the penitentiary on a charge of perjury, in the year 1908, and an oral statement by Lathrop. There was also some argument. There was no question concerning his conviction and the fact that the governor had pardoned him.

Lathrop stated at that time that he had never filed any written application for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic; that he had been solicited to do so by members of General Compson Post No. 22, but had declined to do so, but that later, when visited by members of the post, he had consented to become a member and had informed them of his service and that he had been honorably discharged. The records of the post were not produced and the committee decided that it would not advise the commander in chief to exclude him from attendance at the national encampment.

The charge preferred is based upon the grounds that the accused is not legally a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, first, upon the ground of his conviction of the crime of perjury, and, second, that in his application he had not correctly stated the facts concerning the conviction.

It is not a case for court-martial. If he is not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, he is not amenable to its laws nor can the Grand Army of the Republic put him on trial before a court-martial. If he is a member, no charge against him as a member of the order is preferred. So the only question is as to whether he is or is not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. This is a question which is, under the circumstances, submitted to you for your decision.

While no court-martial can be held on these charges, the accused should be given a fair hearing. This he has had. As it is thus presented to you, it is a mixed question of law and fact. So far as the question of law is concerned, it is to be found in article 2, chapter 2, of the rules and regulations, to which I here refer and which I make a part of this opinion. According to the statement made to the committee of past commanders in chief by Lathrop, he filed no written application for membership. He now writes me, as follows:

I was taken into General Compson Post No. 22, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Oregon, legally on the 1st day of August, 1919, and I am now enrolled on the records of the post to show you that the same is true. We have gone over all the records but fail to find a single application of any member of the post so I am unable to send you a copy of my application. J. C. Chambers was adjutant for several years, and it seems he never retained them. I went into the post in good faith and have been faithful and true to the Grand Army of the Republic, was elected to an office shortly after I was mustered in, and have been either senior vice commander or commander ever since. Every member of the post is perfectly loyal to me.

He also sends the following transcript from the records of General Compson Post, No. 22, on the action of the post in making him a member:

HEADQUARTERS GENERAL COMPSOY POST, No. 22,
St. Johns, Oreg., August 1, 1919

The post met in special session and was opened in short form, all the officers being present.

The commander stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of mustering into our post Comrade Parker N. Lathrop, a soldier of the Civil War, who enlisted in Company I, Sixty-fourth Regiment Illinois Volunteers, as a private. He was honorably discharged therefrom at close of war.

After remarks from a number of the comrades the post was closed in short form.

C. W. GAUSLINE, *Commander*.
J. G. CHAMBERS, *Adjutant*.

This transcript is verified by the affidavit of Augustus Wentz, quartermaster and acting adjutant of the post, who says that he has "closely examined and compared the official records of the post and find this a correct transcript of the same."

I transmit herewith Lathrop's letter, from which the above quotation is taken, the transcript of the records of the post, and the affidavit of Augustus Wentz, above referred to. The only other evidence submitted is a transcript of three other meetings, showing Lathrop elected to different positions in the post, all of which you will find inclosed herewith.

After long thought and careful consideration, I am of the opinion that the law applicable to the foregoing facts is as follows:

First. The conviction of perjury, 17 years ago, as alleged in the charges, is not sufficient, as his life since that time may have been exemplary and his comrades may have decided that he is fit and worthy.

I am, however, of the opinion that no one can become a member of the Grand Army of the Republic without compliance with the provisions of the rules and regulations, to which I have heretofore referred. The statement of the accused, made at the Hotel Pantlind, is not contradicted, but rather confirmed, by the fact that no such application is on file. The fact that no other applications are on file proves nothing except that the post has not obeyed the law in the admission of candidates. There is no record showing that he was recommended by any member of the post, that his eligibility was vouched for, that his application was referred to a committee, or that there had been any report made by any committee, favorable or unfavorable.

If the question affected only the members of that post, we might feel disposed to ignore their failure to require a written application; but here, as the question is presented, it affects the membership of the entire department. The membership throughout the State have the right to assume that when General Compson Post accepted the accused as a member it complied with the law. The law requires the filing of a written application containing certain information, and every member of the department has the right to assume, when the accused became a candidate for the office of department commander, that he had filed such a written application for membership and had given the information therein called for.

My opinion in this case has been delayed by my desire to have information from the distinguished members of the committee above referred to as to whether or not my recollection of the accused's state-

ment—that he had filed no written application for membership—is correct. This information I now have.

Accepting the accused's own statement as true, he never did legally become a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

He is, therefore, not eligible to the office of department commander, and it is the duty of the members of the Department of Oregon to see that the office, for the remainder of the term, is filled as required by rules and regulations.

The action of the accused as department commander, up to the present time, is valid, as the action of an officer *de facto*, although not the action of an officer *de jure*.

Very respectfully,

Approved May 1, 1926.

ROBERT W. McBRIDE,
Judge Advocate General.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.
HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., May 1, 1926.

Special Orders, No. 1, 1926.

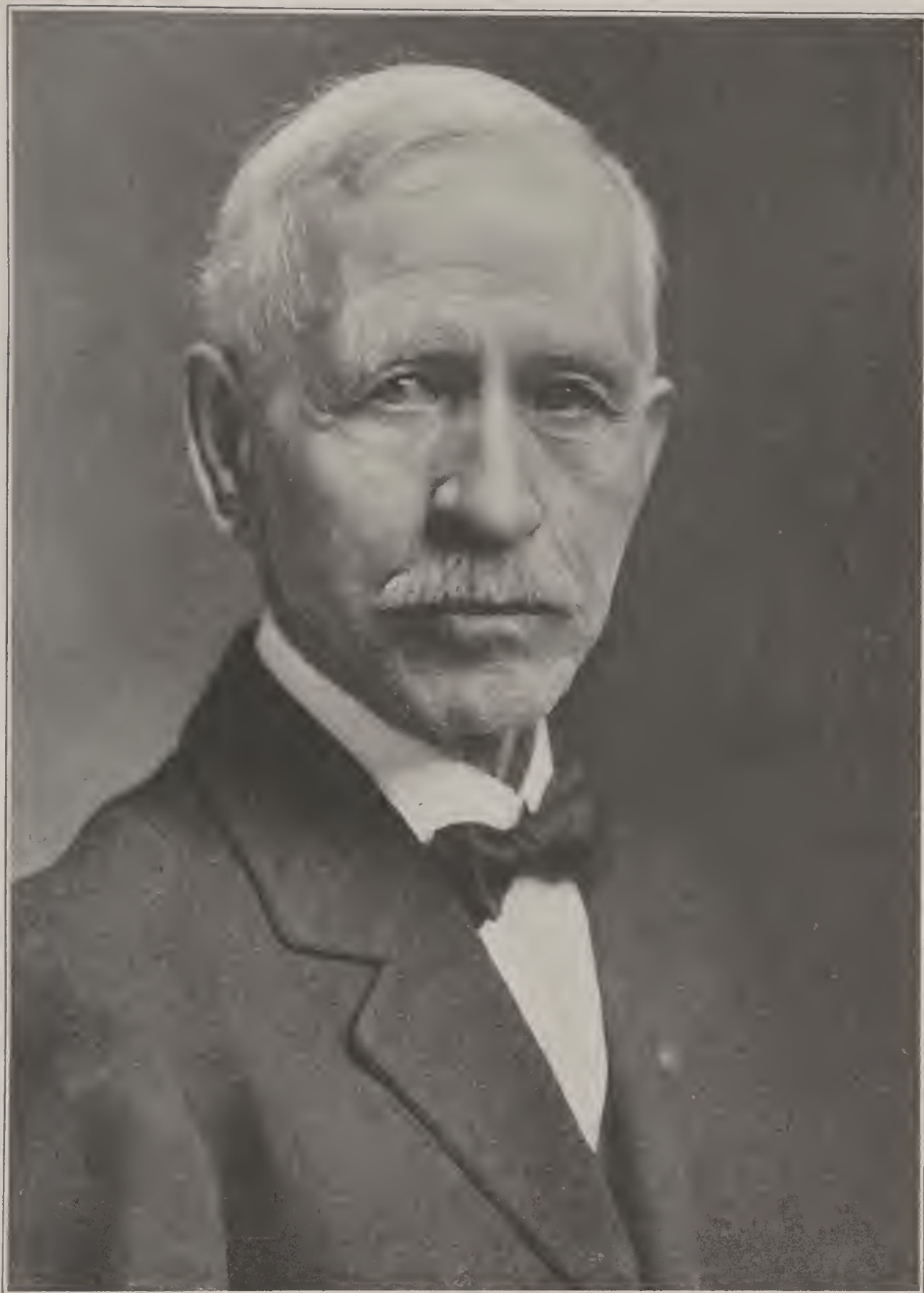
1. Parker N. Lathrop, who has been acting as department commander of the Department of Oregon, being ineligible thereto, the office is hereby declared vacant.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of section 2, article 6 of chapter 3 of the rules and regulations, J. F. Nelson, senior vice department commander of the department, succeeds to the title and duties of that office and performs the duties incident thereto, to the end of the current term, including the convening of the council of administration of the department and the election of a junior vice department commander.

By command of—

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.

HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.



W. G. COCHRAN
Judge Advocate General



ISAAC COLE
Inspector General

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MAPLEWOOD, N. J., *June 28, 1926.*

HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

DEAR COMRADE: I herewith send a report of my work as inspector general of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish to convey through you my sincere thanks to the commander in chief, John B. Inman, for his consideration of my appointment to the high office of inspector general, which I have endeavored to fill and hope I have carried out the work to his and all comrades who are interested to their satisfaction.

It has been a pleasant duty for me to perform in many ways, the letters, circulars, reports, etc., pertaining to actions and deeds of various kinds and nature shows the good intent and feeling throughout the country with very few exceptions to be in good condition, and pleasing to myself. I wrote to every department for the name of the department inspector. The assistant adjutant generals kindly sent me the name or stated the reason of having no department inspector.

I am pleased to report 19 department inspectors sent in a complete report. Some of the departments have but very few in number so that reports are difficult to obtain, but the great majority were of such good, complete report of the standing of the department, to cause me to say, continue the system of report of inspector general instead of dropping it as some suggest and advocate.

Thirteen department inspectors did not reply or make answer in any form whatever, 11 replied no inspectors and have not inspected for years, majority of them giving very good reasons. In this last class many of the posts and the members of the posts of the departments are so scattered it is almost impossible to get together to do business of any kind. Nine of these departments have less than 100 comrades each. It is with difficulty they can get together and function as much as they do, for the good of the order, to themselves and the general public in which they live, in the way of guard duty pertaining to the acts that are patriotic and loyal to our Government of these United States and assist those who are willing to be assisted in the good and welfare of our Nation to those who have a patriotic spirit.

One department inspector of one of the largest departments in our order made a statement that they could not engage in any "frills," so did not send in any report. It seems to me this is a wrong way of looking at our work. So long as we are of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic we should do all in our power to carry out the work we are assigned to do individually, under our rules and regulations or else not accept the office of duty that is required of it,

especially in departments where the membership and posts are not so scattered as many are and who are rightfully excused. As a matter of fact, I have found through correspondence of the comrades throughout our jurisdiction a feeling of good-fellowship, kindness, and good comradeship as a whole. There may be some disagreements and differences in minor cases in certain locations but on the whole there has nothing come up to my notice that would change my belief that we are loyal to each other and our cause. I hope we will continue so the few remaining years we are spared to remain with the living.

I must make mention of the good and interesting work of our auxiliaries—Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army, and all the other organizations. I have had occasion to attend many of their meetings in different departments and in all cases found them well attended, showing much spirit in the welfare of their work in corps, circle, or otherwise; also at their inspections and muster work, which I must say they excel us in. They surely are making it still, as in the past, a success to the good of the Grand Army of the Republic; to a large extent rendering assistance, in many ways known and unknown, to the comrades who have passed out in their old age, as well as to the many of the living. These auxiliaries are loyal to the comrades who were loyal to their country.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

ISAAC COLE,
Inspector General G. A. R.

REPORT OF WORK DONE BY LEVI LONGFELLOW

FROM THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR,
SEPTEMBER, 1925, UNTIL HIS DEATH, FEBRUARY 26, 1926

In September, 1925, as president of his own regimental organization, the Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, Comrade Levi Longfellow arranged for the annual reunion and luncheon of the regiment, at which they were his guests. After the meeting he sent a personal letter to each member of the regiment—90 members—giving a full account of the gathering. The many replies to this letter from comrades unable to attend the reunion showed how greatly it was appreciated.

As president of the Minnesota State Civil War Veterans' Association he planned for the annual reunion of this organization, held in September, 1925. Gov. Theodore Christianson was the speaker on this occasion.

As president of the Minnesota Pioneers' Association he attended their annual meeting in September, 1925.

On Constitution Day, September 17, 1925, he addressed over 2,000 high-school students on the subject, "The making of our Constitution."

On October 11, 1925, he addressed over 100 men of the Men's Forum of the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, on the subject, "The work of the Grand Army."

Armistice night, 1925, he gave one of the principal addresses at a program sponsored by the Sons of Civil War Veterans.

November 16, 1925, he issued a circular letter (copy inclosed) to the department patriotic instructors of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On the occasion of the golden jubilee of the Hennepin Avenue M. E. Church Comrade Longfellow gave a patriotic address. (He was a charter member of this church and for many years its treasurer and a member of the board of trustees.)

November 18, 1925, the Minnesota Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War presented a large picture of Abraham Lincoln to the Columbus School of Minneapolis. This school, situated on the outskirts of the city, had never been visited by a Civil War veteran. Comrade Longfellow presented the picture and addressed the school. A great occasion was made of this event.

In December, 1925, he addressed a class of 50 members of Americanization night schools. Comrade Longfellow personally furnished the refreshments which were served at the close of the program. He always welcomed an opportunity to address new citizen classes.

At Christmas, 1925, he sent 75 copies of the booklet by Judge Harry Atwood entitled, "Keeping God in American History." These were sent as his personal greeting to the department patriotic instructors and others.

February 9, 1925, he was the guest of honor and addressed the Minnesota Pioneer Women's Association at their annual meeting.

Sunday, February 14, 1926, he arranged for the decorations for the Lincoln Day service in his own church.

During the period, from September, 1925, to February, 1926, he addressed six gatherings of Sons of Civil War Veterans and three gatherings of the Ladies of the Grand Army.

Two of the Minneapolis public schools—numbering several thousand pupils, had already secured his promise to come to their schools and take part in their Memorial Day program.

The above record shows the active part which Comrade Longfellow was taking in patriotic work in his community, State and Nation.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

James B. Dean, July 12, 1900

HARRY B. DUNBAR,

Adjutant General, U. S. A.

Dear General: In submitting herewith my report as national patriotic instructor, my warmest regret is that our beloved Comrade Levi Longfellow could not have been spared to fill out the full term of his office. His long experience in this and other useful lines of work made him a very desirable patriotic instructor. In the willing away of Comrade Longfellow, the Grand Army of the Republic has suffered a great loss.

In attempting to fill out Comrade Longfellow's unexpired term, I have been a good deal handicapped by unexpected illness myself, but the Department patriotic instructors have sent in very encouraging reports as to their activities along patriotic lines. Many of them deserve more honorable mention than I am able to do now & later.

W. H. Stewart, of the Department of Kansas, has developed a fine system of patriotic work among the schools of that State, which is largely supported by the officers and teachers of the schools and the parents of the pupils. The same is true of the Department of Wisconsin. Eben W. Bond, of that Department, through the aid of the State superintendent of schools, sends out a Manual for annual that furnishes interesting patriotic programs for the different grades in the schools.

Comrade Levi Longfellow, of Minnesota, from the time of his appointment as national patriotic instructor in November, until the close of his last illness, was almost constantly engaged in making patriotic addresses and in sending out patriotic literature, so that there was little left for me to do during those closing months of his term.

It is evident, however, that in some of our U. S. A. Government-out-ranks are getting that as well as our own States, that our patriotic activities are carried on just the same by our own soldiers and General Auxiliary, the Women's Relief Corps, and other patriotic organizations.

The patriotic education and inspiration that is being given our youngest generations these days is very needed for it is well known that there is an element abroad in our and other countries and allied tend to undermine the foundations of our great Republic. But that the patriotic forces that have come into being in recent years, the American Legion, the Spanish-American Veterans, the Sons of Veterans and their several auxiliaries, and the Daughters of the American Revolution of the Civil War, are not less essential to our national life is self-evident for some time to come.

In closing, I want to thank our able commander in chief for considering me worthy of the task of filling out the unexpired term of our beloved Comrade Longfellow, and trust that the members remaining to us may be happy ones.

Sincerely yours J. B. C. and L.

James B. Dean,

National Patriotic Instructor, U. S. A.



SMITH STIMMEL
National Patriotic Instructor



SAMUEL P. TOWN
Assistant Quartermaster General

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL AND CUSTODIAN

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *August 3, 1926.*

HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

DEAR COMRADE: I have the honor to submit my report as assistant quartermaster general and custodian.

I have purchased all supplies and forwarded all requisitions made by the several departments during the year, under the supervision of the quartermaster general, full schedules of which will appear in the report of the quartermaster general, together with the amount of supplies remaining on hand.

There have been printed and distributed to the several departments the following "free blanks":

Forms A and B (Report of adjutant and quartermaster) -----	8, 255
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general, in detail) -----	123
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general, consolidated) -----	165
Form D (report of assistant quartermaster general, consolidated) -----	135
Form E-2 (report of department inspector, consolidated) -----	89
Form H (report of post inspector) -----	2, 375
Form I (requisition for supplies) -----	248
Report of post chaplain -----	2, 240
Report of department chaplain -----	69
Report of patriotic instructor (post) -----	2, 116
Report of patriotic instructor (department) -----	73
Credentials to members -----	141

I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the commander in chief and to convey to you and to Quartermaster General Stowits my thanks for the courtesies extended to me during the year.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF

HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

DEAR COMRADE: For the tenth time I comply with the custom honored by my predecessors, and again most gratefully acknowledge the great honor conferred upon me by our present commander in chief in appointing me his chief of staff. I herewith submit this brief report of my year's service. Owing to the bulk of the work of the chief of staff coming from now on until after the national encampment, there is but little for me to report. I have strictly obeyed all orders and filled all details as far as possible. It was a source of great pleasure to accompany the commander in chief and the members of the executive committee on a trip to Des Moines, Iowa, to meet the citizens' committee to make arrangements and plans for the Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army. I also accompanied the commander in chief on his visits to the New England department encampments. In the performance of my few duties so far, I have received much of real pleasure and benefit to myself, and am anticipating much enjoyment of my work which is to come at the encampment at Des Moines, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

GEORGE A. HOSLEY,
Chief of Staff.



GEORGE A. HOSLEY
Chief of Staff



WALTER L. FUNK
Senior Aid-de-Camp

REPORT OF THE SENIOR AID-DE-CAMP

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., *September 7, 1926.*

MR. HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Complying with your request for my report, I gratefully acknowledge the high honor conferred upon me by our commander in chief in appointing me his senior aid-de-camp. There is little I can report but stand ready to obey all orders given by our commander.

I attended our State encampment held at Jackson, Mich., in June, 1926, accompanying the senior commander in chief in presenting our commander in chief to the Department of Michigan, and all our allied organizations of our State.

I deem it only proper at this time, my dear adjutant general, to extend to you my thanks for many courtesies during the year.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

WALTER L. FUNK,
Senior Aid-de-camp.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS AND LEGISLATION

HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General, G. A. R.

DEAR COMRADE: Your committee on pensions and legislation, which consists, by the appointment of Commander in Chief Inman, of John L. Clem, chairman; John McElroy, vice chairman, and Comrades L. S. Pilcher, John R. King, and A. J. Gahagan, was charged with the duty of advocating the passage of a recommendation which had been adopted by the national encampment at Grand Rapids.

This recommendation expressed the best judgment of the thinking comrades in all parts of the country. It asked for \$72 a month for all veterans who had served 90 days or more, \$50 for every widow of a veteran who was able to comply with the law, and \$125 for those totally disabled.

The commander in chief called the committee to Washington before the session of Congress, where the recommendations of the national encampment at Grand Rapids were examined and agreed upon. A resolution was adopted by the committee that the matter should be put in charge of the resident members of the committee.

A bill was prepared embracing the request of the national encampment and presented to Representative Charles E. Fuller, of Illinois, who had been for several years chairman of the Invalid Pensions Committee. Mr. Fuller refused to introduce it. In his annual message to Congress the President had specifically advised the postponement of all pension legislation, and it was found that the leaders of the party were quite determined in carrying out the President's wishes. Every effort was made by your committee to induce him to call his committee together, when it was felt that they would almost unanimously adopt the bill and instruct the chairman to report it back to the House and urge its passage.

Your committee visited Mr. Fuller's office almost daily urging action and insisting that as the chairman of a privileged committee he had the right to a day in court and could demand it under the rules. He denied that this was so, and at length flatly refused any intention of introducing the bill or doing anything for it. He became so irritated at our persistence that on the day when he was granted the privilege of the floor and should have employed it for the bill he made an inflamed speech denouncing by name John McElroy and John Clem, whom, he said, could not bulldoze him.

After Mr. Fuller's flat refusal to introduce the G. A. R. bill, General Clem took up the matter with Mr. Elliott's friends, Indiana, who ranks second to Mr. Fuller on the Invalid Pensions Committee.

After several conferences, Mr. Elliott introduced a bill embodying most of the recommendations of the national encampment. A hearing was held on this bill June 27.

After this hearing your committee visited Mr. Fuller's office almost daily, urging that he call together the committee and report out the Civil War pension bill. Meanwhile letters by the thousand were pouring in to members of the Invalid Pensions Committee. The

pressure on Mr. Fuller became such that he secured the privilege of the floor and in a speech denounced by name John Clem and John McElroy, who he said he would not permit to bulldoze him. Your committee's only crime was that they urged Mr. Fuller to report out the Civil War pension bill. Mr. Fuller, on the floor of the House, while denouncing members of the committee, was forced under severe questioning to set a date on the meeting of the Invalid Pensions Committee. The committee unanimously reported out the bill.

In the meantime Senator Norbeck (South Dakota) had introduced a bill which went some distance to meet the requests of the national encampment. It had met the unanimous approval of his committee, which had instructed Senator Norbeck, the chairman, to introduce it and put it upon its passage. There were strong hopes that a majority, at least, of the Senate would vote for it. Senator Curtis and other warm friends of the veterans and widows took a strong interest in having it shaped in such a way as to meet the approval of the President. It was continually pared and adjusted with this in view. At last, to secure the unanimity in the Senate and increase the hopes of the bill at the White House, Senator King (Utah) introduced an amendment, cutting out all increase to widows except those who were married during the service of their husbands. It was felt that this would be likely to meet the approval of the President, and in this way it passed the Senate.

In the meantime it grew late in the session, and Representative Elliott, who had succeeded to the chairmanship of the Invalid Pensions Committee, called his committee together and explained the exigency of the situation. The National Tribune sent a hurry call to Commander in Chief Inman and national president Mrs. Catharine McBride Hoster, who arrived by the next train and rendered most valuable assistance. At the meeting of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, which was attended by the commander in chief, the national president, and the members of the legislative committee, the thing was thoroughly discussed. The wish of the committee to adopt and try to pass the G. A. R. bill was definitely expressed. But, considering the lateness of the session and in the interest of the rapidly dying comrades who would be given something to help soothe their dying beds, the committee voted unanimously, some of them under protest, to accept the Senate bill and let their own bill wait until the next session.

Then there came another struggle for the commander in chief and his committee. There was, as always the case, a vast accumulation of business as the session neared the end. There were difficulties, some thought impossibilities, of securing a hearing and a vote in such a pressure. The bill had already been passed, thanks to the good management of Senators Norbeck and Curtis, in the Senate. With the help of Speaker Longworth, Floor Leader Tilson, and Representative Madden, of the House, a hearing and a vote were secured for Thursday, July 1. Owing to the necessity of attending Mr. Fuller's funeral, this could not be earlier, and the most feared that there was some contrivance by which the President would make a pocket vote.

It was not until 4.15 in the afternoon that the patience of the commander in chief was rewarded by the bill coming to a vote on Mr.

Elliott's motion and without opposition. The commander in chief was of enduring kind, and when the vote was announced and his presence in the gallery noticed the whole House rose to deliver an ovation to him, which was a gladsome testimonial of the appreciation in which the Grand Army men are held.

There were more pangs and fears yet to overcome, but at 11.30 on Saturday, July 3, the President signed the bill, to the boundless surprise of the greater portion of the people, and the commander in chief and his legislative committee went up to the White House to thank him.

Too much praise can not be given to commander in chief John B. Inman and national president Mrs. Catherine McBride Hoster for their ready and effective help at all stages of the long struggle. The situation changed from hour to hour, making it impossible to call the whole committee together, so that the responsibility rested upon the commander in chief, John Clem, and John McElroy with the assistance of Mrs. Hoster. They watched every point with most minute attention and greatest anxiety.

There is nothing disparaging to his brilliant and faithful predecessors to say there was never better work done at a crucial time than by Commander in Chief Inman. We all owe him a great mede of thanks and appreciation.

In conclusion, we would like to have the national encampment pass a vote of thanks to the many friends who rendered us valuable assistance in Congress. We found many very strong friends among them who were quick and ready to do anything that would help along. Particularly among them are Representatives Speaks, Oldfield, Elliott, Beers, Swoope, Sweet, Fitzgerald, Brigham, Nelson, Wefald, Underwood, Lozier, Greenwood, Carss, Somers, and Warren, and Senators Norbeck, Fernald, Dale, Wadsworth, Gooding, Schall, Gerry, Wheeler, Neely, Bratton, Frazier, and Shipstead.

We would also recommend that the national encampment reaffirm the principles of the Grand Rapids recommendations with special emphasis upon the clause relating to widows, with a recommendation of \$72 a month to all veterans and \$125 to those who are totally disabled. We should get, and possibly will get, at the next session of Congress all that the Grand Rapids encampment recommended.

Even before the session of Congress opened the committee began its work and day and night it continued it. It was especially uphill labor after the President had sent his message recommending the postponement of all pension legislation. Every day and almost every hour after the session began there was personal labor with Members of Congress with everyone in the least degree influential and the National Tribune sent out nearly a million letters addressed to the constituents of Members of Congress urging them to arise and exert themselves for justice to the veterans and their widows. In this way a propaganda had been made which was almost irresistible in its force. Nothing like as hard work has ever been done for any pension legislation enacted by Congress.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

JOHN L. CLEM,
*Chairman, Legislative Committee,
Grand Army of the Republic.*



CATHERINE McBRIDE HOSTER
President, National Woman's Relief Corps

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT WOMAN'S RELIEF
CORPS

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *June 30, 1926.*

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: Herewith you will find a summary of the work the Woman's Relief Corps has accomplished from June 30, 1925, to June 30, 1926:

Number of departments	36
Number of provisional departments	3
Number of detached corps	22
Number of members	189, 462
Gained in new members	13, 048
Lost by death	4, 600

Amount in cash expended for relief	\$30, 874. 74
For relief of members and members' families	11, 356. 84
Relief other than money	160, 868. 46
Amount turned over to posts	16, 859. 22

Total for relief 219, 963. 26

For Memorial Day expenses, flowers for sick and deceased comrades, etc	28, 308. 39
Southern memorial fund	1, 000. 00
Christmas gifts and testimonials to Army nurses	1, 050. 00
London Branch, American Civil War Veterans	50. 00

Total 30, 408. 39

Total expended for relief, turned over to posts Memorial Day, etc., as shown above	250, 371. 65
Total amount expended to June 30, 1925	6, 286, 325. 70

Total amount expended for these purposes since organization to June 30, 1926 6. 536, 697. 35

In addition to the above we have this year contributed the following:

Memorial Day fund	\$1, 421. 61
Army nurse fund	2, 379. 55
World War veterans	6, 036. 88
Spanish War veterans	938. 55
Soldiers' Homes	4, 694. 32
Soldiers widows' homes	2, 914. 10
Orphans' Homes	1, 192. 19
Child welfare	3, 741. 26
Americanization	2, 086. 38
Schools in the South	314. 85
Scholarships	4, 619. 53
Posts	16, 859. 22

Total 47, 198. 44

The national treasurer's report shows:

Cash balance June 30, 1926, in general fund-----	\$22, 020. 70
All other funds and salable supplies-----	33, 702. 11
Total assets-----	55, 722. 81
Liabilities: None.	

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

CATHERINE McBRIDE HOSTER,
President National Woman's Relief Corps.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL *and*
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1926, IN HOTEL FORT DES
MOINES, DES MOINES, IOWA**

The executive committee of the national council of administration convened at 2.20 o'clock p. m. Monday, September 20, 1926, in the national headquarters at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, with the following members present:

Commander in Chief John B. Inman, Adjutant General Henry B. Davidson, Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits, and Comrades Birt F. Parsons, Silas H. Towler, William P. Wright, Adrian P. Sloan, W. H. Noll, and Emmett F. Taggart.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. This is a meeting of the executive committee of the national council of administration of the sixtieth national encampment. The secretary will call the roll. [The roll was called with the above result.] All present except Comrades Janes and Bengough. We are open for business now. Have you anything to offer from the auditing committee, Comrade Parsons?

Comrade PARSONS. I have the report of your committee appointed to examine the accounts of the quartermaster general and make report to this executive committee, and I submit this report [reading]:

DES MOINES, IOWA, *September 20, 1926.*

Comrade JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,

And the National Council of Administration.

COMRADES: Your committee to whom was assigned the duty of auditing the books of Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits have performed their duty, and after carefully checking over the books we find that there is a balance on hand in the general fund of \$15,035.43, and that the balance as shown by the books is verified by the certified statement of the Peoples Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., where the funds of the quartermaster general are deposited.

We wish to inform you that the books of the quartermaster general are kept in a very systematic and admirable way.

We also wish further to add that the Grand Army of the Republic has been fortunate in having for its financial officer one who is so capable and so thoroughly devoted to the duties devolving upon him as has been our Comrade Stowits, who now for 20 years has had the interests of that department in his keeping. He has been faithful to every trust and has performed all its duties with fidelity, accuracy, promptness, and zeal.

Respectfully submitted.

BIRT F. PARSONS,
SILAS H. TOWLER,
WILLIAM P. WRIGHT.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. What shall we do with the report of the auditing committee?

Comrade SLOAN. Move it be accepted.

Comrade NOLL. Second the motion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those who favor the motion will please say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is adopted, and this will go in the regular course into the council of administration.

Comrade NOLL. May I ask a question, Commander, as to the amount of invested funds?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The permanent fund was not reported to us. I sent three letters and the adjutant general two more.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Patterson is sick and has not sent the papers up yet.

Comrade NOLL. A number of our influential comrades in the Department of California have made this suggestion to me—I don't know whether it is proper to present it here, inasmuch as I am not aware what the committee on the status of the Grand Army of the Republic have to offer, but this suggestion comes to me in this way: Why not have the Grand Army, the national organization, draw upon the securities in the permanent fund for the running expenses in the future and entirely eliminate the per capita tax on the departments? I just throw that out as a mere suggestion.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is in the hands of a committee—that is, what disposition shall be made of the funds and property of the Grand Army of the Republic at some future time when they go out of existence.

Comrade NOLL. That would properly go into their hands now—this suggestion?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Yes. Doctor Pilcher is chairman of that committee. He is not here.

Comrade PARSONS. The committee could recommend, but it would have to be suggested to the encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The committee was to recommend or give some suggestion.

Comrade NOLL. Final disposition.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Yes; but there was never anything to these rumors as to when we were going to go out of business.

Comrade NOLL. Our country is flooded with these newspaper reports of that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I have repudiated it in every way possible, and the Associated Press are doing it now. They are doing it again to-day in 1,300 papers.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. There was a resolution offered sometime ago that we could appropriate from the permanent fund at any time it was necessary a sum not exceeding 10 per cent of the funds. That is the law now.

Comrade TOWLER. The encampment has to appropriate it.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We can draw against it. The commander in chief and quartermaster and adjutant can draw against that fund whenever it is necessary to defray the working expenses of the national encampment. Noll is all right in a certain way, but just the minute that you don't—what do you want to do; do you want to eliminate your per capita tax from your posts?

Comrade NOLL. Not from the posts. From the department only.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. The minute you do you lose all incentive to back up and take care of things right off.

Comrade PARSONS. That is absolutely right.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We ought to stand on our own feet. We will go into oblivion if you haven't got to pay any dues.

Comrade PARSONS. A great many posts eliminate their post dues. That can be done in the post.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That can be done all you have a mind to.

Comrade WRIGHT. They have to pay the per capita tax to the department just the same if they do eliminate it in the post.

Comrade PARSONS. They eliminate part of the tax. We do in our post, half of it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The dues of the post?

Comrade PARSONS. The dues—that is, within the post. That has nothing to do with the change of the per capita tax.

Comrade NOLL. The post would still have to remit the per capita tax to the department.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will have to have some report from Doctor Pilcher's committee. If they don't report to us, they can report to the entire national council.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. They can report right to the council.

Comrade PARSONS. They can report to the council or the encampment.

Comrade TOWLER. That report would go to the encampment.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Sure. To the national encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It must go to the encampment, but I thought perhaps we ought to thresh it out in here to-day, what the feeling was, in the executive committee. Of course, their report—that is, the order—was to report back to the encampment, and Cochran may bring that up if he comes. In that case, perhaps, we had better not deal with it at all.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We could not deal with it here.

Comrade PARSONS. Has there been a resolution?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. There was a resolution passed at the fifty-ninth national encampment at Grand Rapids that the incoming commander should appoint a committee of three to devise means and make suggestions in regard to the disposition of all the money and millions of dollars worth of property when the Grand Army of the Republic became extinct—something that would be feasible—build a monument or something of that sort. They will report back to the encampment, so I suppose we have nothing to do with it.

Comrade PARSONS. That committee was appointed?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That committee was appointed.

Comrade PARSONS. They would report back to the encampment, would they not? That is where they should report.

Comrade NOLL. Van Sant, Pilcher, and Tanner.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Burton was on there, and he died, McBride was on there, and he died. What business have we to come before us?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I don't believe, Commander in Chief, that that committee or any other committee has a right to make a report recommending anything further than the disposition of such funds as belong to the national encampment—the permanent

fund and all that; and they can not do anything—if Noll owns a building up there in his post and everything else, it is none of our business. It does not belong to the Grand Army of the Republic. It belongs to the post. It belongs to the department.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I think the scope of that resolution was intended to make a general disposition—that is, suggestions for general disposition.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. They can not do it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. They might not if Noll owned the building.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. If a post owns a building in a department.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Suppose it is cash funds, ten or twelve million dollars.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. They can not touch it, I don't think. I am only speaking now as an individual. We have no business to do with it. All they can do is to recommend what we will do with the thirty-five or thirty thousand dollars we have got in the permanent fund and such funds as we have got on hand.

Comrade PARSONS. For instance, take our post building he speaks about. We paid \$20,000 for it. We issued 4,000 shares of stock, at \$5 a share. We put \$3,500 in the building. That building itself is owned by the stockholders, and the post owns all the property. That is a regular stock company, organized under the laws of the State of New York. That belongs to the stockholders, and we give the post the use of it as long as they are in existence. It is all owned by the stockholders. No man was allowed to subscribe for stock but members of the post.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It should apply simply to the funds and property of the national encampment.

Comrade TAGGART. That is the only thing that this organization has power to handle.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. They can not handle it in any other way.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The resolution did not impress me very favorably anyway, because it started all these rumors from one end of this country to the other that we were going to disband right here, but this was the last parade and the last encampment.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I wrote the commander in chief, "Do you want it to die during our administration?"

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I got a telegram just before we went over to that lunch. I will read it to you. I won't give the department, because it is a big department. They are represented here, and they usually do things better than this.

Comrade JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic:

In common with many comrades from this department, I earnestly protest against disbanding in any way, either nationally or State, the Grand Army of the Republic. Such attempts would be unpatriotic, forgetful of comradeship, and un-American. Keep up vigorously and loyally our beloved Grand Army of the Republic until the last comrade has answered the final roll call. What a glorious ending!

That is signed by the patriotic instructor of this department. I am surprised that man in a position of that kind in a big

department would allow rumors to carry him away like that. They are just the purest bunk, entirely visionary, and no one has done anything in the national organization this year to warrant any such thing being done. It was simply provided there to consider what would be done when the Grand Army were through, but nothing about when they were going to go out of existence. The Associated Press man to-day is disseminating through 1,300 papers about the same thing I sent out from Springfield, Ill. But that is the way it is working—one of the principal officers—not elective but appointive officers of one of the big departments.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. The per capita tax to the national encampment is exceedingly small. It is only 10 cents a man a year.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. What is there to come before the executive committee?

Comrade NOLL. The suggestion did not originate with me.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I understand that; but it might be wise not to let it go entirely. I would not do that, because we must get in reports as to the condition of the various departments, and the minute you cut off the per capita tax the reports will stop. Hang on to a certain per capita tax. Make it 5 cents a year, or something like that. Have an incentive as to what they should do and why they should do it, so we can know what is going on all over the country.

Comrade NOLL. I am in favor of that position.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Isn't that all right?

Comrade PARSONS. If you take off the 10 cents a year they will lose their interest.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Reduce that to 5 cents.

Comrade TOWLER. Ten cents is little enough.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It may be, even, that the report of the committee will be such as simply asking for further time, or something of that sort. They may not find that the time has arrived when we should even consider this matter.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We have got to abide by their decision, whatever it is, when it comes to us.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It will come into the encampment.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I mean the encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. What the encampment does, of course, is controlling. It seems to be the consensus of opinion of the executive committee that the report should be brought into the open encampment and discussed there.

Comrade PARSONS. You called for a report and they haven't got it ready.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I think they are going to make the report some time.

Adjutant General DAVIDSON. It is simply like formulating a will. That is all.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Well, then, in other words, we do not take any action anyhow.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We can not do it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. In regard to the work of that committee that was appointed, I appointed them as the encampment had instructed me to do.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. You did just right in appointing it the way you did.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Do any of you think of anything to bring before the executive committee?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Noll, don't you think that would be a fair thing, 5 cents per capita? Just enough to stimulate interest.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Why change that?

Comrade WRIGHT. The cheaper you make it the less it is worth.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. It would demand a report. We would know what each department was doing. That is what I want to do. I want to know what the departments are doing and keep posted.

Comrade WRIGHT. They would have no standing at all if they didn't pay any dues.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. They would not make any report to anybody. Davidson wants to see a report. I want to see a report. We should continued that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Why not leave it just as it is?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That is all right. I don't object to that, but we could get along without it. We could make it 5 cents and still get along.

Comrade PARSONS. They would have more interest at 10 cents than at 5.

Adjutant General DAVIDSON. I thing our per capita tax is small enough.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Well, Henry, I have been in for 20 years, and about 16 of that we only had $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents. Wright remembers that. Our per capita tax was only $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents a man.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. And then they raised it to 5 cents for each half year.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We get in about forty-two or forty-three hundred dollars—my final report.

Comrade WRIGHT. Ten cents is not burdensome on any department?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No.

Comrade WRIGHT. Then I would leave it the way it is.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. You take several of these departments and they draw that per capita tax from the State fund. The State of New York, they pay the per capita tax at Albany at the capitol, the whole business.

Comrade TOWLER. Our State makes an appropriation for the Grand Army.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there any further business to come before the executive committee for consideration?

Comrade NOLL. Move we adjourn.

(Seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Subject to the call of the commander in chief. It has been moved and seconded that the executive committee adjourn subject to the call of the commander in chief. Those who favor this please say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is carried.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEP-
TEMBER 20, 1926, AT THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES,
DES MOINES, IOWA**

The national council of administration was called to order at 3 o'clock p. m., Monday, September 20, 1926, at national headquarters in the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa. The following members were present:

Commander in Chief John B. Inman.

Adj. Gen. Henry B. Davidson.

Q. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade William H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Comrade Adrian P. Sloan, of Connecticut.

Comrade A. R. Sawyer, of Florida.

Comrade W. M. Scott, of Georgia and South Carolina.

Comrade Wm. P. Wright, of Illinois.

Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.

Comrade J. H. Osborne, of Kansas.

Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.

Comrade George T. Leach, of Maryland.

Comrade Henry Clark, of Massachusetts.

Comrade Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota.

Comrade Samuel D. Webster, of Missouri.

Comrade W. H. Stewart, of Nebraska.

Comrade Walter S. Tully, of New Jersey.

Comrade Birt F. Parsons, of New York.

Comrade Emmett F. Taggart, of Ohio.

Comrade John Middleton, of the Potomac.

Comrade Samuel A. Whelden, of Rhode Island.

Comrade Warren Osborn, of South Dakota.

Comrade F. M. Underwood, of Tennessee.

Comrade T. W. Woodcock, of Texas.

Comrade E. B. Heimstreet, of Wisconsin.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You will be in order. This is a meeting of the national council of administration. The roll will be called. [Roll called.] There is a quorum. I declare the meeting in order. Is there any business to come before the national council of administration?

Comrade TOWLER. Commander in Chief, I would say to the members of the national council that previous to our meeting at Grand Rapids last year, a member of this council died—Comrade Wilt, of Pennsylvania. The commander in chief appointed a committee to

prepare a memorial. It was his suggestion that it be read to this body at this time. I therefore, with your consent, read the memorial [reading]:

SEPTEMBER 20, 1926.

It seems fitting that the national council of administration should take some notice of the death of one of its long-time, honored members—Comrade J. Andrew Wilt, who died in his home at Towanda, Pa., May 3, 1925.

He was a fine type of man—clear-headed and devoted to the best interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was but 15 years of age when he entered the service in 1863 at the time of Lee's advance into Pennsylvania, culminating in the Battle of Gettysburg. After that service he reenlisted and served until the 31st of October, 1865.

He held office as commander of his post, department inspector, department judge advocate, aid on the staff of the commander in chief, and department commander; and served in the national council of administration from 1916 until his death, most of that time a member of the executive committee of the council.

He was a school-teacher and superintendent of schools in his native county of Bradford, Pa. He was held in the highest esteem by those in his section of the State, who, with great unanimity, elected him to very important offices.

He served in the National Guard of Pennsylvania for 10 years with the rank of captain. He was trustee of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. As a member of the national executive committee his experience and good judgment made him a prominent member, and we unanimously direct that in his honor this memorial shall be printed in the proceedings.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. TOWLER,
BIRT F. PARSONS,
H. H. BENGOUGH,
Committee.

I move the adoption of the memorial, and that it be printed in the proceedings.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the committee on the memorial, and that it be printed in the proceedings. All those who favor this motion will please say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is carried.

I will say that the auditing committee brought in their report to the executive committee. I would like to have that read to this council, and then we will adopt it here, and then it can go to the encampment.

(Comrade Towler then read the report of the auditing committee, which will be found in the report of the meeting of the executive committee, at p. 171 of this journal.)

Comrade ALTENBERG. I move the adoption as read.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Those who favor the adoption of the report and to make it a part of the records of the sixtieth national encampment will please say "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is carried.

Is there any further business to come before the council? The proposition for certain amounts to be paid for help and all that sort of thing, of course, will come up with the new council when they are elected. This is the council of this administration. Does anyone think of anything they want to bring up? If not, I would entertain a motion to adjourn subject to the call of the commander in chief.

Comrade TOWLER. I make such motion.

(Motion seconded.)

Adjutant General DAVIDSON. One moment. An invitation is extended by Townsend's Studio, commercial department, in the city here, for the members of this council to come and have their pictures taken in a body. He is located at 1009 Locust Street. He would like to have all the members of this council of administration come and have their picture taken in a group. That is a matter for the comrades to decide.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is moved and seconded that the council adjourn subject to the call of the commander in chief. Those who favor the motion will please say "Aye." Opposed, "No." It is carried, and we stand adjourned subject to the call of the commander in chief.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD AT THE COLISEUM, DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1926

The new council of administration met on the platform at the Coliseum, Des Moines, Iowa, at 10.37 o'clock a. m., Friday, September 24, 1926, immediately after the adjournment of the encampment, pursuant to the call of the commander in chief.

Upon roll call the following members of the council were found to be present:

Commander in Chief Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief A. G. Beatty, Independence, Iowa.

Adj. Gen. Charles H. Henry, Eau Claire, Wis.

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade William H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Comrade James E. Jewel, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.

Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.

Comrade J. L. Farrington, of Iowa.

Comrade E. W. Phillips, of Kansas.

Comrade Henry Clark, of Massachusetts.

Comrade Albert Dunham, of Michigan.

Comrade Silas H. Towler, of Minnesota.

Comrade Edwin F. Brown, of Nebraska.

Comrade Isaac Cole, of New Jersey.

Comrade Oscar Smith, of New York.

Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade W. H. Cornell, of South Dakota.

Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We are in the order of business of authorizing certain expenditures necessary to conduct the business of the national encampment for the coming year. The first matter is the composition of the executive committee.

Comrade TOWLER. We have certain forms, as most of the members of the council know, which are adopted from year to year. Following the custom, I move that the executive committee for the ensuing term shall consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and seven members of the council to be appointed by the commander in chief.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion, comrades. Are you ready for the question? As many as are in favor of this motion will signify it by saying "Aye." Opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is a vote.

I am not ready to announce the executive committee at this time.
Comrade TOWLER (reading) :

Resolved, That for the purposes hereinafter enumerated, the appropriation of the sums as set forth be, and are hereby, approved for the ensuing term, as follows :

That the commander in chief be authorized to draw on the quartermaster general for the sum of \$1,800, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay actual traveling expenses.

I move the adoption of that resolution.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. As many as are in favor of the resolution will signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary minded, "No." The ayes have it.

Comrade TOWLER. Now, there are a number of items. We can either adopt them singly or in a group, as the council shall determine.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I take it, Comrade Towler, that they have been in operation a long time, as already stated, in the proceedings in the journal.

Comrade TOWLER. Shall I read them?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It would be well to read them.

Comrade TOWLER (reading) :

That the salary of the adjutant general be fixed at \$1,200.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We can adopt them all at once.

Comrade TOWLER (reading) :

That the salary of the custodian of records be fixed at \$300.

That the commander in chief is hereby authorized to employ a secretary at national headquarters at a sum not to exceed \$1,800 per year.

I move the adoption of these items.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the items read. As many as are in favor of the items read will signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary minded, "No." It is carried.

Comrade FOSTER. Did you include, Comrade, the salary of the quartermaster? Last year we voted that the salary of the quartermaster be fixed at \$500. You will find it in the minutes there.

Comrade TOWLER. We will add that. It comes in in another place. We hadn't got up to it. [Reading:]

That the bond of the adjutant general be fixed in the sum of \$1,000; that the bond of the quartermaster general be fixed in the sum of \$5,000; and that both of said bonds be executed by surety companies and the expense thereof paid by the national encampment.

I move the adoption.

(Motion seconded.)

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. You have heard the motion, comrades. As many as are in favor of this signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary minded, "No." The ayes have it.

Comrade TOWLER (reading) :

That the retiring adjutant general be paid \$200 for editing the proceedings of the sixtieth national encampment.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. As many as are in favor of this will signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary minded, "No." The ayes have it.

Comrade TOWLER (reading) :

That the compensation of the official reporter of the national encampment be fixed at \$200 for services rendered.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. As many as are in favor of this item will signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary minded, "No." The ayes have it.

Comrade TOWLER (reading) :

That the quartermaster general be and is hereby authorized to pay any ordinary and necessary expenses arising during the ensuing term not herein provided for.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. As many as are in favor of this item will signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary minded, "No." The ayes have it.

Comrade TOWLER. You have added the \$500 for the quartermaster general?

Comrade FOSTER. That was on the other page (reading) :

That the salary of the quartermaster general be fixed at \$500.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. As many as favor this item will signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary minded, "No." The ayes have it.

This is a splendid idea, having this council meeting right here. We can save so much time and be all together at once. Is there any other business to come before this council?

Comrade ALTENBERG. Have you the item in there to defray the expense of the national commander in visiting the Southern States?

Comrade TOWLER. Yes, that is in there.

Comrade GANDY. And the other States, too.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Is there anything further to come before us?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I move we adjourn.

Comrade TOWLER. Subject to the call of the commander in chief.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Sure. That is the rules and regulations.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Anything further, comrades?

Comrade ALTENBERG. For the Department of Arkansas I have authority to invite you to visit us at Little Rock during your term of office. We will treat you kindly. There are but very few of us, but we would be pleased to have you visit Arkansas during the next six months.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. It is going to be my purpose to visit as many of the departments as I possibly can. God willing and I have good health, I will cover every department some time during the year.

Comrade JEWEL. We will surely be pleased to see you in Colorado in June.

Comrade TOWLER. If I may say a word. I would like to urge upon the members of the council that they try to prevent their department encampments from being held all in the same week.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is the trouble usually.

Comrade TOWLER. That was the trouble last year and it has been the trouble for a number of years. There is a week or two in June that they want to hold all their encampments. It is a physical im-

possibility for the commander in chief to get to those departments unless they are spread out over some considerable time. I just make the suggestion to you, without any formal action, that you take that matter into consideration with your department commander and the executive committee of your department and consult with the commander in chief and his adjutant general so that they may arrange that he can meet with them in some sort of systematic order.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Especially if they could be grouped fairly close together in a certain section of the country; for instance, the West.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY. I will tell you how we do it in New England. We will say Monday is the 6th—Rhode Island, one day; the 7th and 8th, right from Rhode Island up to Boston, Mass.; the 9th, Concord, N. H.; the 10th, down to Connecticut—all in a group there. You could easily get on to that by writing to your adjutants general in your adjoining States, so that the commander in chief can jump from one State to the other without any great expense.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. That is my idea.

Comrade WRIGHT. In a great many cases where a city has invited the department encampment, the committee that go there find that the city wants you on a certain date and the Grand Army don't have much to say about it.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I understand that. We will have to do the best we can in those cases. But in so far as possible and practicable, many times they can be grouped in a certain section here and there so that more encampments can be covered than it would be possible otherwise to do.

Comrade FOSTER. I wonder whether national headquarters might not give the suggested dates for certain sections of the country; whether it might not come from national headquarters.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Are you going to have national headquarters at Milwaukee?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Milwaukee; yes.

Comrade WRIGHT. I move we adjourn.

(Motion seconded.)

Comrade CORNELL. What are we going to do when the dates are already set for next year? How can we change the date of the department encampment?

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Well, you can not change it very well.

Comrade FOSTER. Unless the officials desire to do so.

Comrade BROWN. You take Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska; you can make them all in one round, one week. We always have them so he can go from one to the other.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. I move we adjourn.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. This is a matter of arrangement. We can work to that point, so it will make it possible for the commander in chief to be at several places, where, if there was crisscrossing, away down to one end, and then across another State or two, it would be rather difficult.

Comrade COLE. That would have to be determined by the departments that are close together.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The commander in chief is not going to try to do everything, you know—only as far as possible, humanly possible.

Comrade ALTENBERG. Mr. Commander in Chief, if you will designate the time you will visit Little Rock our department commander will hold our department annual encampment the same day. We promise you to do that.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I will always be glad, in this or anything else, to hear from the council, and many things can be straightened out by communication. We will try and get as much system and order in this work as we possibly can, I assure you. Is there anything further?

Comrade JEWEL. I would just like to suggest that at our next annual encampment we secure a room we can hear something in.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will have an amplifier and everything.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. We had an amplifier in here.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. If we had had our meeting in the Methodist Church that we were in Sunday, it would have held all the delegates. You could hear people there.

Comrade JEWEL. Get us into a small building.

Comrade FOSTER. This is the worst we have ever had.

Chief of Staff HOSLEY. As bad as we had in Washington in the old Emery Building.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. We will work hard and try to do the very best to be done.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. When the time comes when you and your adjutant general and myself come to make the contracts, we will see that that is all carried out.

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Then we stand adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

MINUTES OF SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES ALLIED WITH THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

DES MOINES, IOWA, *Sunday, September 19, 1926.*

The Seventh Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order by Mrs. Grace B. Willard, national vice president, at Hotel Fort Des Moines, at 3.30 p. m. As none of the other officers were present, Miss Katherine Flood, of the Daughters of Veterans, was appointed secretary.

Mrs. Willard explained why the president and secretary-treasurer were not present, and suggested that an informal meeting be held, with an adjourned meeting, to be called by the president. Some 25 members were present, and after conferring with the manager of the hotel the arrangements for the annual banquet were canceled and the meeting adjourned.

DES MOINES, IOWA, *Monday, September 20, 1926.*

The adjourned meeting of the Federated Patriotic Societies, of the seventh annual conference of the organization, was called to order in the Oak Room, Hotel Fort Des Moines, at 3 o'clock, by the president, William M. Coffin. Officers present: President, William M. Coffin; vice president, Mrs. Grace B. Willard; secretary-treasurer, Kate G. Raynor.

Meeting opened with a beautiful prayer by Miss Bertha K. Martin, of Ohio, after which all joined in singing America, Mrs. Nell Goodman, of the Daughters of Veterans, at the piano.

Brother Coffin explained why the president and secretary were not present at the meeting on Sunday, saying in part that a 300-mile detour, on account of the high waters, had made their train 20 hours late. Brother Coffin thanked Mrs. Willard for taking charge of the meeting, also thanking the members for taking the time to come to a second meeting. The reading of the minutes of the last conference was omitted on motion of Brother Horn, seconded by Sister Thayer, and carried. Brother Horn stated that all the organizations had published the proceedings with their Annual National Proceedings, thus giving all members access to them. Mrs. Willard told of the Sunday meeting and of the consideration shown the federation by the hotel management.

The annual report of the secretary, Kate G. Raynor, was then read, as follows:

TOLEDO, OHIO, *September 19, 1926.*

To the Officers and Members of the Federated Patriotic Societies Allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, greetings:

If we stop for introspection and thought, we can readily see the great assistance this organization of Federated Patriotic Societies can be to the vital life of each allied organization. We are like a chain, with the Grand

Army of the Republic as the clasp that holds us together; the federation is the small connecting link that joins the ends and holds when once the clasp is gone; and while we will never be great in membership, and while to the outside world our size will make us seem of little importance, yet we are fast becoming the pivot, and from the Federated Patriotic Societies will emanate the desires, the hopes, and aspirations of each. In order to keep together as a family, yet not losing our own identity, we must unite for the common good.

In the past, and please God for many years to come, the Grand Army of the Republic has been and will be the consulting organization, relative to location and arrangements for the annual encampment; but the time is coming when this matter will rightfully belong to the Federated Patriotic Societies. Where else can an entertaining city learn the needs and requirements of all organizations; where else can matters be adjusted to the satisfaction of all; who would be the logical head for railroad arrangements, who would be the consulting head, but this Federated Patriotic Societies? All for each and each for all, with this thought in mind, I make recommendation No. 1: That the needs and requirements of each federated organization be listed and that the secretary-treasurer be furnished a complete program.

In order that the funds of the organization, represented by the dues from the five subordinate organizations, may be judiciously used and for the good of all contributors, I make recommendation No. 2: That a definite budget be set up for the expenses of the national meeting, other than the requirements for printing, postage, etc.

As the officers of the Federated Patriotic Societies should be in touch with each separate organization, and can only do so by information furnished by and through their general orders, I make recommendation No. 3: That the names of the three officers be placed on the mailing list of each organization.

Our work the past year has been an effort to unite the patriotic organizations in legislation for the "Increased pension bill" for our Civil War veterans, the widows, and the Army nurses. Our Brother Coffin has kept in touch with conditions at Washington, and been able to keep up the flagging interest to the last moment. When the bill was passed, that we are all so familiar with, and when finally the President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, had signed it, we felt that it was worth our united efforts. It was not the bill we wanted, not the bill we hoped for, but far better than we feared, and that was none at all. The letters written have been many, but they always went with the hope and prayer that they would bear fruit.

As the purpose of the Federated Patriotic Societies is not for glorification but for service, first to the Grand Army of the Republic and all its interests, and second, to the five organizations allied with the Grand Army, it is only right and proper that we shall oppose and refuse to recognize all organizations that seek to promote their welfare by usurping the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, or that of any other organization affiliated with this Federated Patriotic Societies.

The Federated Patriotic Societies is your organization; make it work for you and it will live, and become a willing, helpful servant. With nothing to do it will soon die.

The Grand Army of the Republic as an organization will pass away, but the influence of the Grand Army and its members, its power, its ideals will live always. With the Grand Army of the Republic we were, and are, willing to be subordinate. When the time comes when we are without a head, will we who come together for so short a time, once a year, be able to wisely guide the organizations we represent, through the federation as a clearing house? These are things for thoughtful consideration. The whole of anything is made up of units. Are we as units using our influence for the common good? Are we loyal units?

You and I must never cease to teach the world what the people of the United States owe the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the message they sent out to the world of life, liberty, and love.

"They kept the stars in the field of blue,
They brought the States to allegiance true,
To them the Nation's debt is due,
And the Nation must never forget."

I wish to acknowledge the kindly courtesy, the manifest interest, and friendly assistance of the presiding officers of the allied organizations. To the president and vice president of the Federated Patriotic Societies, whom

I have "known long since, and loved awhile," I can only say "One year nearer, and one year dearer."

For Brother Sam Horn, my predecessor, I have only words of praise. The records, books, papers, and money were turned over promptly and in splendid condition. In looking back over the year. I am reminded—

"That you have very often noticed,
When you didn't when you could
That just the thing you didn't do,
Was just the thing you should."

Respectfully submitted.

KATE G. RAYNOR, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Moved by Blanche Beverstock that the report of the secretary be adopted; motion seconded by Sam Horn and carried. This motion covered the recommendations adopted in the report.

Financial report of secretary-treasurer was as follows:

Received from past secretary-treasurer-----	\$26. 33
Received dues from—	
National Women's Relief Corps-----	25. 00
Daughters of Union Veterans-----	25. 00
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic-----	35. 00
Sons of Union Veterans-----	25. 00
Auxiliary to Sons of Civil War Veterans-----	25. 00
Total-----	161. 33
Disbursements:	
Printing stationery-----	\$3. 00
Printing annual notices-----	5. 90
Postage, secretary-treasurer-----	7. 00
Total -----	15. 90
Balance September 19-----	145. 43

There will be nothing but the president's expenses pertaining to this meeting, so I would suggest there be no call for funds this year.

Respectfully,

KATE G. RAYNOR, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Report accepted on motion of Addie Wallace; seconded by Mamie Deems.

The president asked for reports from the various heads of organizations. In the absence of the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Edith Mason Christy, national patriotic instructor, gave an interesting review of the year's work along patriotic lines; of the erection of flagstuffs in five States in the cemeteries; of one State trying to pass a law that one page in every schoolbook should have a flag on it. Mrs. Christy closed her remarks with: "The Woman's Relief Corps find nothing too small to do, for we believe that in small things there should be liberty, in large things unity, and in all things charity."

No one being present from the Ladies of the Grand Army, there was no report. Edna Pauley, national I. and I. officer of the Woman's Relief Corps, said she did not know whether she was a member of the National Federated Patriotic Societies or not, but that she had served the Indiana Federated Patriotic Societies for six years as their president; that the idea of a Federated Patriotic Societies originated in Indiana; that they had been able to do many

things for the Grand Army and that Sister Addie Wallace was her successor as president of the Indiana Federated Patriotic Societies.

Sister Estelle Underhill, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans, said she heartily approved of the federation, and the spirit of cooperation manifested. That the organization she represented stood first and last for the Grand Army, and the interests of that organization; that the Daughters would do their part toward helping the federation in every way.

Sister Hoover, of the Daughters, expressed herself as very much in favor of the Federated Patriotic Societies. Sister Hoover stated that few understood or realized that the federation meant over 500,000 votes, that we can control in our own organization as a federated society. Sister Agnes Haynes, of the Daughters of Veterans, spoke of the report that had come from a cousin in the Government Pension Office that letters had been received in the Pension Office from people trying to have pensions taken away from our veterans. Sister Haynes said we must protect our fathers, our country, and our flag.

Comrade Haskins, past department commander of the Department of California Grand Army, talked about the unequal pension for the Civil War widows; that there were few who would benefit from the last law passed; that the pension should be \$50 per month and the date for the allowance be raised to 1915. Comrade Haynes spoke of the report in the papers regarding the Grand Army giving up as an organization. That is not the idea of the Grand Army, but they do expect to plan the distributions of their funds; that the idea was to prorate their effects according to the gifts received from the various organizations. Comrade Haynes commended the spirit that prompted the organization of the Federated Patriotic Societies, and told of a similar one in California.

Sister Plymire spoke very strongly for the federation, was glad to be present, and that they had brought 86 comrades from California to the encampment. Sister Mamie Deems said that she was very much in favor of the federation and would do everything she could to further the interests of the federation and the different organizations affiliated. Sister Deems thanked the president for notifying her of the adjourned meeting. In closing her remarks she said "The federation is the teamwork of every blooming soul." Brother Sam Horn painted a word picture of the Grand Army as an old oak tree with the allied organizations forming a hollow square protecting the tree; when the leaves begin to fall to see that it is protected to the last, that hand in hand in a unified effort, we can protect the old oak tree and keep it for many years to come.

New and general business was then taken up.

President Coffin stated that while the general business for the last year had been the prosecution of the increase of pensions for the Civil War veterans, and that while he, through friends in Congress, was able to watch the trend of affairs, and could notify the several societies to double their efforts at the "eleventh hour," he realized that the Federated Patriotic Societies must have an objective, and he would like to entertain a motion to the effect that a committee be selected from the official delegation to formulate an objective, not just a committee on survey. After much discussion, Addie Wallace moved, and seconded by Clara Hoover, that the chair prepare a

resolution to be presented to each national convention meeting in Des Moines asking for the adoption of the resolution and the appointment of one member to act as a member of the joint committee. The committee to form an objective and make a survey and not to wait a year to begin their work. Motion discussed, and following resolution adopted:

DES MOINES, IOWA, *September 30, 1926.*

Be it resolved by the Seventh Annual Convention of the Federated Patriotic Societies, That each of the organizations affiliated in this society be requested to name an official delegate, who shall become a member of a joint committee on policy and objectives; which committee shall meet at the call of the president, and shall consider the situation confronting these allied organizations in the present, and especially in a future, without the visible presence of the Grand Army of the Republic; and shall propose policies and methods for bringing about a closer relationship between them and a greater unity of purpose and action amongst them in all those things where they have a common interest and a common destiny.

This committee shall submit its joint suggestions, through the president of this society, to the several affiliated organizations for their consideration at the earliest possible moment and to the next ensuing conference of this society.

The time for the annual meeting was then taken up, some members objecting to Sunday afternoon and evening, the matter finally culminated in a motion made by Estelle Underhill, seconded by Drusella Thayer, that we have the banquet first and business meeting afterwards; amended by Addie Wallace (who said she had attended every meeting since the second one) to having the business meeting at 6 o'clock and the banquet at 8 Sunday evening preceding the business of the week; amendment seconded by Emma Finch. Sam Horn offered a substitute motion, seconded by Grace B. Willard, that the time of meeting and banquet be left to the officers of the societies; substitute motion carried.

Moved by Blanche Beverstock, seconded by Mamie Deems, that an executive committee be appointed to take care of the financial arrangements for the banquet; motion carried, and the chair appointed the president, vice president, and secretary. President Coffin said that he felt he had the right to make this appointment as he was going out of office. A. E. Deems, national patriotic instructor of the Sons of Civil War Veterans, having entered the hall, was asked for a few words. Brother Deems stated that this was his first meeting as a member of the Federated Patriotic Societies and he did not know exactly what was expected of him; that he had enjoyed the meeting very much and from what he had heard was very much in favor of such an organization. The Sons of Veterans were doing their best to carry out the wishes of their fathers of the Grand Army, and he was sure they could be depended upon for support.

The secretary announced that the Creed cards that had been distributed were the gift of the national president of the Relief Corps; and Kate Raynor moved that a vote of thanks be given the national organization of the Woman's Relief Corps, and included in the motion that we also thank Addie Wallace, who, through the Clay Worker, of Indianapolis, had given us such fine prices on our printing. Motion seconded by Sam Horn and carried. The matter of absent members being qualified for election to office was discussed.

Sam Horn stated that there was nothing in the by-laws regarding the matter.

Grace B. Willard nominated Inez J. Bender, of the Woman's Relief Corps, for the office of president; nomination seconded by Sam Horn; there being no other nominations, Addie Wallace moved that the rules be suspended and the secretary cast the ballot; seconded by Estelle Underhill, and carried. Drusella Thayer nominated Estelle M. Underhill for the office of vice president, seconded by several, and Mrs. Underhill was unanimously elected on motion made by Kate Raynor and seconded by Addie Wallace. The chair ruled that two-thirds of the members present must vote, to suspend the rules.

President Coffin asked if there was any further business, and thanked members for being present at the two meetings. All joined in giving the American's Creed, and the meeting adjourned on motion of Brother Deems, seconded by several.

Supplemental report of treasurer

Balance on hand at opening of conference-----	\$135. 43
Expenses of president: Telegrams, poster, typing resolutions, etc-----	11. 95
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Balance Sept. 22-----	123. 48

Attendance roll

Officers.—President, William M. Coffin; vice president, Mrs. Grace B. Willard; secretary-treasurer, Kate G. Raynor.

Past Society Officers.—Grace L. Johnson; Sam S. Horn, Grand Army of the Republic; Comrade Haskin, of California.

Woman's Relief Corps.—Edith Mason Christy, national patriotic instructor; Grace B. Willard.

Daughters of Union Veterans.—National president, Estelle M. H. Underhill; national secretary, Cora E. Gillis; past national presidents, Bertha M. Martin, C. Millie Leighton, Clara F. Hoover, Nellie M. Goodman, Maybelle Plymire, Drusella Thayer.

Sons of Union Veterans.—National patriotic instructor, A. E. Deems; past commanders in chief, Sam S. Horn, William M. Coffin.

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.—Mamie P. Deems, national president; national secretary, Lillian M. Harris; national patriotic instructor, Mary Stapleton; past national presidents, Kate G. Raynor, Addie M. Wallace, Mollie D. Hammer, Libbie Meis, Blanche Beverstock, and Ida Rokes.

The annual banquet was omitted. The next conference to be held in Dayton, Ohio, 1927.

The foregoing minutes of the Seventh Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, are approved as the official record of such conference.

W. M. COFFIN, *President.*

KATE G. RAYNOR, *Secretary.*

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS CAMP FIRE AND PARADE

RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING OF THE SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HELD IN THE COLISEUM, DES MOINES, IOWA, MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 20, 1926

Past Department Commander R. L. Chase, chairman.

Chairman CHASE (8.08 p. m.). Comrades, I will not go through with all of the other societies—I will just call them friends. We are going to open this reception with a patriotic number.

(Miss Daisy Binkley then sang "The Star-Spangled Banner.")

Chairman CHASE. We will now have an invocation by Rev. William P. McKinsey, chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Chaplain in Chief WILLIAM P. MCKINSEY. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. We thank Thee. We thank Thee for what these men here have done for our country in the days that are gone. We thank Thee that so many of them are alive and have courage and strength to come clear across the continent to be in this meeting. God bless them. Bless their homes. Bless their wives. Bless their children. Bless their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. God bless our country. Bless Thy servant, the President of the United States; Thy servants, the Congress of the United States; Thy servants, the Supreme Court of the United States. Bless Thy servants, the governors of all the States of this great Union of ours. God bless all the executive officers, all the administrative officers, all the men and women that have to do with the lawmaking powers of the country.

God bless the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless its officers and the homes where they live—all of them. God help us to pray unitedly in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Chairman CHASE. Comrades and friends, four years ago this fall I had the pleasure of presiding over this first camp fire. At that time I made an announcement simply telling you that I was a runner-up, running up till we get to people that know how to talk.

These announcements I am going to ask you to tell all the comrades that you know. To-morrow morning at half past 10 is what we call the Patriotic Day in the schools in Des Moines, and I hope every comrade within the hearing of my voice, and I want you to act as a committee of one, each of you, to tell other comrades that at half past 10 there will be patriotic services in every school, and if those that can will go I think we will have one of the finest patriotic exercises in the world, given by the old soldiers to the school children. Since our last meeting here in Des Moines children have all been

saying, "Mr. Chase, when are the Grand Army soldiers coming back?" Well, now, that is one incentive, that made us want you to come, comrades. Now, remember that, and tell every other comrade you see, and in the morning go out and hail an automobile. Don't stand on the sidewalk. They have all promised to take you to the school houses, and leave it to them to choose them.

The next thing I want to call your attention to is the street cars. No comrade wants to insult a street-car conductor by offering to pay his fare. This comrade has a badge on him, and the understanding is that he rides free. The same rule applies to our allied societies, as far as their badges are concerned. That entitles them to ride free. The comrades can ride on just a button if you want to.

Next is the moving pictures. A comrade came to me to-day and said, "Doctor, I had to spend a dollar last night to get into a moving-picture show." I said, "That is contrary now to our agreement." So I immediately went up to the Des Moines and Capitol, and they said that yesterday there were not enough here, so that they did charge one or two of them; but the understanding is, comrades, that your badge lets you into a moving picture without money. Go and enjoy them when you haven't anything else to do.

The automobiles are free, and all you have to do is to ask for them to take you. I don't know a man or woman in the city of Des Moines that won't stop and give an old soldier a ride around this city. Now, comrades, I hope you will all act in this matter and tell the other comrades. We want you to go away feeling that we have treated you right.

Now I have the great pleasure of introducing Governor Hammill, the governor of this State, who will receive you in behalf—Governor, excuse me just a minute now. I didn't get down to Tuesday. Tuesday night at the statehouse will be a great reception given under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps, but in this line will be all the national presidents of all the organizations, the commander in chief, etc. Now, comrades, come over to-morrow night to the statehouse and see it all lighted up and see what a beautiful statehouse we have.

Now, Governor, I am going to call on you.

Gov. JOHN HAMMILL. Mr. Chairman, members of the Grand Army of the Republic and auxiliaries, ladies and gentlemen, I am sure it is a pleasure in behalf of the people of this great Commonwealth to again welcome to this city and to this State, this splendid company of men and women. You were here four years ago. You know the welcome you received at that time, and I understand that many of you with fond recollections of the occasion and the entertainment and welcome you received four years ago found it an inspiration to you and it aided materially in your returning for the encampment this year. I want to say at the outset to you that we hope to make your stay this year more pleasant and more profitable, if it is possible to do so, than it was four years ago. [Applause.] We want you to have just as good or better time than you had when you were here with us at your former encampment.

You know in this country of ours on American soil where the starry banner waves, you men are at home, and you really need no formal words of welcome. As I have watched you around the

Fort Des Moines to-day, I have noticed how you have been visiting with each other, how you have been calling back memories which are near and dear to you. I noticed how you have been renewing your former acquaintances and your former associations. I have been impressed with the significance of the occasion and I know what it means in a general way to you men, and I can not help but feel that it is an omen for good and that a Roman would discover in a meeting of men like you nothing but good for the Republic.

We are proud of your achievements, we are proud of your accomplishments, and we appreciate the inheritance that you have given us as a result of your sacrifice and as a result of your service. We are not unmindful of the obligation that we owe to you as citizens of subsequent generations. We know it was you men who made it possible for us to have this united Republic of ours. Instead of having a group of States we now have a common country, with a group of States under one flag, the emblem of a free people, in an inseparable union of common States.

We are obligated to you men for this; and when I stop also to reflect that you men served four years, and that during that period you made splendid soldiers, then you retired, and for some 60 years you have been excellent citizens. You fought to preserve the Union. Then at the close of the war you returned to build up this great country that you had saved. It was not the salary that prompted you men to enter service and go forth to save the Nation's Capitol, but it was principle that made you men heroes and that prompted you to go forward in order that we might enjoy the privileges that we have to-day.

Briefly stated, it may be said that we go forward, that upon mighty sacrifices you builded an enduring nation. Many of the men died in this service. We can not honor them by this service, but we can honor the cause for which they fought and the principles for which they gave up their lives. [Applause.]

At the opening of the Civil War the great plain people of this country of ours were not only opposed to war, but they had their hearts set upon those things that could be obtained only in times of peace; and that magnificent leader, Abraham Lincoln, knew this. [Applause.] And he stayed his hand while State after State passed ordinances of secession. He sought to win those back who had not yet seceded. He was met on one hand by open defiance, a demand for peaceful secession on the part of the others. No man knew as well as he did that you men and your associates and your comrades had their hearts set upon those things that could only be accomplished in times of peace.

I want all of our people who are here to-night to realize what these men fought for. They fought in order that we might have freedom. It involved the principles of self-government. In its advocacy philosophers had dreamed and poets sang during preceding generations. The enemies of the cause were controlled and guided by men who did not believe in man's capacity for self-government. Their whole social and political institution had been builded upon the institution of African slavery; and let's just for a moment be fair to this institution of the South.

If it were true, as they believed, that African slavery was a part of the divine order, and that certain people had an inalienable right in matters social and political to dominate and control the others, then the old aristocracy of the South was an ideal institution. And right here, we learn later on as the war progressed, was the pith of the whole contest. Our Civil War involved the same principles at heart for which Cromwell fought against King Charles and English aristocracy. In England, in the sixteenth century, it succumbed, and in America it went down in disaster and was drowned in the blood of hundreds of thousands of human lives, and that blood cemented anew the true foundation of this Republic, "that all men are created equal, and they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Slavery, like secession, perished as an incident of the war. Thank God, it is gone forever, and that we have a reunited Republic under one flag, which we enjoy at the present time.

William McKinley once said, in speaking of the incidents of the war, long after the close of it:

Our black allies must never be deserted or forsaken, and every right secured them by the Constitution must be as surely given to them as though God had put upon their faces the color of the Anglo-Saxon race. They fought for the flag, and that flag, with all that it stands for, must secure them every constitutional right in times of peace as well as in times of war.

When Major McKinley made this statement more than a quarter of a century had elapsed since Appomattox, and on that Memorial Day in Washington he gave evidence of his mature judgment, and, surveying the whole field with a magnanimity that always characterized him, he could come to but one conclusion, that the war had been fought to preserve this as a Government for the people, regardless of race or color, and that God had given to the people a supreme power and that the people had risen and exercised it and been equal to the task and the responsibility that had been assigned them.

When I read the history of this great Republic of ours also, I note that an observer of the European Government said at the close of this great Civil War, "This great army of splendid men can never return and take up peaceful pursuits." But you men were making history; you were establishing a precedent unknown to the world, and the world never saw a grander spectacle than when a million armed men laid down their arms and returned home to safe and peaceful pursuits, if not happy and prosperous times. You gave us an example not before known to history. The citizen soldiers who volunteered from the country at large were able to go forward and make our best soldiers.

All the world loves a hero, and ever since that cruel Civil War we have met annually in Memorial Day. You have met in encampments. This being your sixtieth encampment is proof of that fact that you men who fought to preserve the Nation were eternally and unalterably right, and those who fought to destroy it were eternally and unalterably wrong. [Applause.]

I want to leave another thought with the people who are here this evening—not particularly you men of the Civil War, but those of subsequent generations, and that is this—that we should never lose sight of the difference between treason and loyalty. One means

life to the Nation; the other its death; and there is no language strong enough to bring them into harmony.

Friends, you came forward—the lawyer from his office, the judge from the court, the farmer from his field, the mechanic from his home and dropped all of these activities. You joined together in the one common cause, that of saving the Republic. Then you have organized a fraternity in which all religions, creeds, and political differences have been united and that organization is the Grand Army of the Republic [applause], composed of men who have marched together on the same field, touched elbows, and drank from the same canteen.

There were men here four years ago who are not here this evening, and God grant that those men may see from the far distant shore the result of their work well done. Now there are no men of this great war who are going to live on forever, but what you have done, the spirit of patriotism that you have fostered and the influence of your good example are going to live on forever, and I want you to all remember—I want to leave this further thought in conclusion, that the normal policy of this Republic is peace, not a nerveless peace of helplessness, but that kind of a peace and that kind of patriots that devote themselves to agriculture, manufacturing, business, and farming, and when the need demands, this peace patriot can turn his attention and become one of the most self-sacrificing of all patriots. This was the kind of patriotism that made the result of the war and this great rebellion certain. It was a patriotism that had devoted itself to those things and to those activities, and these peace patriots became the most self-sacrificing and courageous of war patriots and immediately upon the close of the war they were able to drop their mantles and return to the ordinary business of life.

It is just that kind of patriotism that we need to-day to solve the problems of the present time. The greatest service that we can render as citizens is the preservation of our institutions, is the preservation of this magnificent Government of ours, this Government which, in my judgment, is the best yet devised by the wit of man.

Yet, do you know there are those who are seeking to destroy it, men and women who are seeking in a public way and some in a private way, to destroy the fundamental principles of our constitutional Government. Personally, I feel that our forefathers builded wisely, and that you men acted wisely in the preserving of this great inheritance which we now possess. But whether or not we preserve and keep it sacred will depend upon our own conduct and upon our own actions. It is going to require that we be self-sacrificing as well, and that we appreciate our obligations as citizens, and we must keep in mind that, because we are justly powerful and great, it is not impossible for us to fall. The history of the world teaches us that all nations eventually have had their fall the same as they have had their rise.

But I feel that just as long as this flag of ours floats over our public schools, just as long as we have the splendid lessons of patriotism that are taught and inspired by the splendid womanhood of this great Republic of ours, that we have a right to feel that we are going to be assured, and that we are going to have simply safety in the preservation of the institutions.

We owe much to the home, we owe much to motherhood, for next to the sacrifice made by these men are the sacrifices made by the women of this great Republic of ours, and you women, the relief corps and other auxiliaries, have been, if you please, the mother of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.] For this you men owe them a debt of gratitude.

But I must not, with words of welcome, talk to you longer. I am pleased to have had this opportunity to participate with you people to this extent in your program. I hope that your stay with us is going to be, as I said at the outset, pleasant and profitable, and if I can serve you in any way or in any place, call upon me: and in conclusion, and finally, I bid you a hearty welcome. [Applause.]

Chairman CHASE. I have the great pleasure now of introducing the mayor of Des Moines. He will tell you how pleased the Des Moines people are. Comrades, Mayor Hunter.

Mayor FRED H. HUNTER. Mr. Chairman, Commander Inman, and other officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and auxiliaries, one of the very pleasant privileges that comes to the mayor of any city is that of welcoming the visiting delegations, dignitaries, and officials who come to our gates, and it is has been my privilege and my pleasure to officially welcome a great many organizations, but not again in my term of office as mayor—nor again perhaps in my life, will such a signal honor be mine as is this of welcoming the Grand Army of the Republic to Des Moines. We pay tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic whose members were the salvation of their country in its hour of need, and to those wonderful women who were the nurses during the Civil War. We honor the auxiliaries of the Grand Army who are serving the memory of true Americanism and self-sacrifice that has marked the birth and career of the Grand Army of the Republic.

While I have often felt that the pleasantest official duty that could come to a mayor is the welcoming of conventions and encampments, there is about to-night's assemblage that which is so sacred, so inspiring, and so exalted that it almost overcomes me.

We count it a distinct compliment that this great organization has again chosen our city as its place of meeting. If I could clasp each one of you by the hand, look you in the eye, and bid you welcome I think you would understand my sincerity. That may not be possible, literally—but that is just the way I and every other individual in Des Moines would like to do.

It is a wonderful tribute to the men of 1861 and 1865 that the Grand Army of the Republic should yet be in the foreground in the Nation's eyes. Yours is the first and the greatest patriotic organization we have to-day. You have been entrusted with a great and grave responsibility and you have not been found wanting.

The United States was conceived in the Revolutionary War but born in the Civil War. To you came the great task of deciding whether this Nation could endure on the foundation of unity it had defined in its Constitution; or if it could be divided and redivided and subdivided by differences—petty or great as the case might be. As a nation—as a success religiously, educationally, and industrially—we owe our life to the success your sacrifices achieved.

In the history of the world we have no record of an organization of soldiers that has for so long a time held the great political influence that has the Grand Army of the Republic. Not only did your efforts give the Nation birth, but you have helped to shape its destinies in a far-reaching way that has been an inspiration to more than one American youth.

The Grand Army of the Republic will never die. Your spirit—your soul—will live on and grow in power and influence even as have the souls of Washington and Lincoln. You have filled your place assigned by the great forces of the earth and have filled them creditably: you have made of the Grand Army of the Republic a power in the Nation and thereby in the world. You need not worry about the perpetuation of your order. History will take care of that. The story of this Nation could never be told without the names of Abraham Lincoln and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

But not always do we think of you in terms of exaltation and exultation. We greet you first as the Grand Army of the Republic, but we also greet you as man to man. We want your short stay here with us to be the very happiest time you have ever had, not even excepting the encampment here four years ago. The whole city is so anxious for you to have a good time here that if the doors are in the way we'll take them off the hinges and throw them in the river.

Chairman CHASE. I would inquire if E. J. Stonebraker, Commander of the Department of Iowa, is in the room? We have got to have somebody to receive you comrades in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic. He does not respond, so we have a past commander in chief that I am going to ask to return thanks in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic. Judge Willett.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, and comrades, members of the allied societies, and fellow citizens, I am reminded of a little bit of a story. A Kentucky colonel walking down the principal street of the city of Louisville one morning in the early dawn, having sat in a game of draw poker with a lot of kindred spirits, found himself penniless for the price of a breakfast. He met a negro coming whistling down the street from the opposite direction, and he recognized him. He said, "Good morning, Sam. Sam," he says, "will you loan me \$10 this morning until Saturday night?" "Well 'fo' God, colonel, I ain't got no \$10. I thanks you for the compliment. [Applause.] Five cents is all the money I got and you are welcome to that, colonel." "Well, let me have that nickel. It will buy a cup of coffee."

Now, I ain't got no speech. I was not on the bill of fare. I did not come here to talk to-night. Wednesday night is my affair, and I am informed, as I see by the program, that I am booked to take charge of the regular camp fire on Wednesday evening, and in behalf of the management I invite you one and all to be here. Tell your neighbors and your friends to come and fill all of the back seats, because I understand that this amplifier—either that one or this one—will make you hear.

Now I think that Comrade Stonebraker must have misunderstood the fact that he was on this program to-night. He is the depart-

ment commander of the State of Iowa, an estimable gentleman, a genuine patriotic comrade, and I don't believe that he has designedly stayed away.

Therefore, being drafted by the chairman of the evening, it behooves me, in response to that call, to welcome you in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Iowa. In doing so I appreciate fully the situation. I realize the fact that between Comrade Chase, myself, and others of the Iowa delegation at Grand Rapids a year ago, we were so lavish of our promises, in behalf of the city of Des Moines and the great State of Iowa and the Grand Army of the State department, in the proffers of our hospitality that we want to make good, and we believe we will every foot of the road. [Applause.]

I dare say that there is no city in the United States of America that will greet you with greater hospitality, greater patriotism, greater actual brotherly and comradely friendship, than the city of Des Moines. [Applause.] I live in the slough-water districts of Tama County, where we have more water than whisky or moonshine at the present time, where the only band or remnant of a tribe of redskins exists in this part of this great Nation; and I say that for Des Moines just as I praise Des Moines in her determination to extend the capital side of this splendid mid-State city. I know the personnel of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Iowa, and I know that the exception among them of true comradeship is rare if any. And in behalf of the comrades of the Department of Iowa I heartily welcome you to this great State of Iowa.

We are not bankrupt yet. It was only four years ago that you were invited here, and that you were entertained to that degree and extent that of your own volition you invited yourselves to come back again. [Applause.] I am proud of the fact that four years ago when you were here—that I am a past commander in chief, a product of that national encampment. [Applause.]

Now, then, comrades and fellow citizens, I know what is before you. I know what you have to expect in the balance of this program. You will be called upon to listen to some of the best silver-tongued oratory at the hands of the auxiliary representatives that it has been your fortune to hear since this time last year. And that is what they are here for, and doubtless they are saying, "For God's sake quit so that we can get our work in." Therefore, in conclusion, I again say to you that the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Iowa welcomes you with extended arms and cordiality and good comradeship. [Applause.]

Chairman CHASE. I have been hesitating since he commenced to speak whether I would say anything about the next speaker or not. I don't think I had better break the rule. I am still the runner-up. I am going to have great pleasure now to introduce to you Col. Winfield Scott, United States Pension Commissioner, the man that we thank for the best treatment the old soldier of the Civil War has ever received—more than any other man that ever held that position.

Hon. WINFIELD SCOTT. Mr. Chairman, the Governor of Iowa, the mayor of Des Moines, and comrades of the great Civil War, it always has given me much pleasure to be able to meet with you, although I

was not born for many, many years after the great conflict. I was taught while a baby boy toddling upon my father's knee of the great service that you people performed in preserving this Nation, and taught in those days of my early childhood that the Government of the United States could never be rich enough to pay you in gratitude in the way of keep in your old days that you deserved from this Government. I was taught how, when you were boys, and you were mostly all boys at that time, because our great wars have been fought by youngsters—you were so nurtured and so endowed with the spirit of Americanism and love and belief in the Constitution of the United States that was created by your fathers that you were willing to go down into the valley of the shadow of death in its support.

That great document which is our fundamental law, for which you fought, and which our eloquent governor of the great Commonwealth of Iowa indicated to you—the slavery question was a mere incident of bringing that war to a successful conclusion—was the instrument for which you volunteered at the call of the greatest American of the world, of the United States, that we ever had, who came from the very common people—I have almost always thought that he was inspired—Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.]

That great instrument, and I may pause here to state that 139 years ago on the 17th of this month we adopted the Constitution of the United States. That great instrument started out: "We, the people, in order to form a more perfect union"—and they might have said "of the several States"—"do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States," thereby indicating that they were united and always eternally inseparable. And that was the instrument, and that was the principle for which you, my venerable friends, were willing to lay down your lives in the interest thereof.

I wanted to say this this evening, and call your attention to the fact that that was the real cause of the great Civil War, that we must preserve the Union. The great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, did not issue the emancipation proclamation until 1863. He had hoped against hope that he would be able to preserve the Union of States without possibly issuing the emancipation, but he did know that if in order to preserve the Union it was necessary to accomplish that reform, he would issue it, and he did issue it.

In this country the greatest trouble we have is from within. The great heart of the American people, I believe, is sound. We must believe in, and we must enforce the Constitution for which you, venerable friends, were willing to lay down your lives. By that I mean, my friends, all the laws that were passed under that Constitution. [Applause.] Some laws may be bad, but the only way that we can get rid of a bad law is to enforce it. Your greatest American said in one of his early speeches:

Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of his country, and never to tolerate their violation by others. As the patriots of '76 did to the support of the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the Constitution and the laws let every American pledge his life, his property, and his sacred honor; let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample upon the blood of his fathers and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty. Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap. Let it be taught in the schools, in seminaries, and in colleges. Let it

be written in primers, spelling books, and almanacs. Let it be preached from pulpits, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. In short, let it become the political religion of the Nation.

My comrades and friends, I came here prepared to make you a report of my administration of the pension laws of the United States during the past year, and I had very carefully prepared my address, but it seems that the Secretary of the Interior desired me to make all of these soldiers' organizations, and we had two encampments meeting at the same time, from the 19th to the 23d of the month. So I had to come to Des Moines for the 19th and 20th, and I leave to-night at midnight for El Paso, Tex., getting there on the morning of the 23d to address a convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. So your chairman to-night limited me to 15 minutes, and I am going to try to say a few words about pensions to you to-night in the 15 minutes that I have.

I have been impressed by the sincerity of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in appreciation of the efforts that I have tried to give you in the proper enforcement of your laws. I have been thanked by numbers of you since I came to the city of Des Moines. I have often been written to by many of you from over the United States, and you very seriously nominated me for President of the United States in 1928, and I want to tell you now that I am accepting the nomination. [Applause.] But, my friends, I want to tell you something in all fairness. If I have been able to do and be of any service to you in my weak way, that service that I have rendered to you the President of the United States is entirely responsible for. [Applause.] Please understand that, because the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior, Hubert Work, of Colorado—and by the way, he asked me, Mr. Chairman, to express regrets to the Grand Army of the Republic at his inability to be with you at this encampment on account of having to address a dry-farming congress at Denver, Colo., to-day. But he said if the Lord would spare him and you at another encampment, that next year he would meet with you himself personally. [Applause.]

I want to say to you also, before I go any further, that there has been a great deal of propaganda, a great deal of newspaper notoriety to the effect that the great silent President of the United States was not your friend and did not believe in the gratitude that this country owed to the Grand Army of the Republic and other soldiers. I only have to call your attention to the fact that each and every member of the Grand Army of the Republic and their widows are thinking people. They are reasonable, and I know they are just. I know the President does not talk much. Some one told me a little story about him the other day that runs like this—If I go over my 15 minutes, let me know.

A certain lady was going to Washington, and she had an invitation to dine with the President, and she made a bet that she would get more than three words out of him. Some one told me this, you understand; I did not hear it over in Washington. She went up there with that invitation to dine with the President and his family, and there wasn't very much conversation at the dinner table. Finally she thought she had to do something herself to interest the President and get him to say more than three words to her. So she

finally broke out and she said, "Mr. President, I made a bet before I came up here to dine with you that I would be able to get you to say more than three words to me. What are you going to do about it?" The President said, "You lose."

But he keeps thinking. The President, on his own administration, became the President of the United States on the 4th of March, 1925. Since that time two major pension bills have been passed—the Spanish War pension bill and the Grand Army pension bill that passed in the closing days of Congress—and omnibus pension bills or special acts of more than 5,000, and the President has signed every one of them. That is during his administration. During the former administration he carried out, as he promised to do, the policies of his predecessor. But since that time the President of the United States has shown his gratitude to the soldiers by signing every bill for their relief presented to him by the Congress of the United States; and I don't think this thing of passing the buck—now, if the Congress of the United States wants to be entirely fair, the President being an administrative officer and one of the common, ordinary branches of government—the only thing they can do is to put the bill up to the President of the United States and give him a chance. That is what I am saying. I hope you understand me. Now, I haven't come—I am not making any political speech to-night. That is not my mission. It is not what I came here for, because every one of those bills that had been passed during Mr. Coolidge's administration to date had been voted for by every Congressman and every Senator who was present in the Halls of Congress on the days that they were passed, and it is not a political question, neither Democratic nor Republican nor Socialistic, because they all tried to be for you.

I do want to say one thing with reference to the last bill passed for the Grand Army of the Republic, that it came very close to the close of Congress, three or four days beforehand, and it was in a position—the Norbeck bill was, the one you wanted, the Elliott bill in the House—was in a position of having some people who were constitutionally opposed to pensions at all talking the matter to death in the closing days, and one of the Senators from the State of Utah—Mr. King, if you please—moving an amendment to the bill, gave them to understand that they would either pass that bill or no bill at all, and that is the bill, the Curtis-Norbeck-King bill was passed because it was a question of compromise.

Personally, I am not interested in legislation in that way. I am only an administrative officer. I want to carry out or administer the laws that Congress has passed for you, with a spirit of liberality, so that you in your declining days shall receive a measure of the devotion from the people to-day in this country that you deserve, when you went down to the valley of the shadow of death at the first Bull Run, at Gettysburg, at Vicksburg, and the other great battles of the Civil War.

But I do say this, that there are two provisions in that last bill—personally speaking—that can not be justified in morals or law; and that is the provision whereby a pension of \$50 a month is granted to a widow of a veteran of the Civil War if she was married to him

during his service in the Civil War, during the time of his service in the Civil War. That provision, personally, in my judgment, can not be justified. Then there is another provision there that I would like for you to understand, where it says that the soldier of the Civil War, if he is totally helpless or blind, shall have a pension of \$90. Now it does not take a lexicographer or a writer of a dictionary to know what "totally helpless" means. Nor it does not take a dictionary to tell you what "blind" means, does it?

Now, Why couldn't Congress state to me, as an administrative officer who had the enforcement of the law, what "totally helpless"—what they meant by "totally helpless" or what they meant by "blind." They could have helped me out just a little bit. They have helped me, because Congress has been my friend, as far as that is concerned, and they have approved what I have been doing or trying to do for you, just the same as the President and just the same as the Secretary of the Interior has. Why couldn't they have explained that a little bit for me, so that I could help you out? But they didn't do that. They left it "totally helpless" or "blind"—no explanation whatever, and it leaves the provision of law in such a position that you almost are ready to cross the Great Divide before I can give you any relief. Do you see the point?

Now, those two provisions, I think, of that law should be interpreted by further legislative provision by your next Congress. I don't know what they are going to do. Now those are two of the propositions that you are vitally interested in. The other that I want to call your attention to is that of you who were drawing \$50 a month were automatically increased to \$65 a month. Now we tried to put that into force right away, into effect, and we did every thing that we could, although Congress gave us no additional help to help out, but we went to work and put that into effect immediately, but with this provision I could not put it into effect until I had communicated with the widows. I hadn't force enough to draw all the claims and find out whether the widow was married to the soldier during his period of service in the Civil War, so I did the next best thing, and I am going to chide you widows just a little bit. I did the next best thing. I drew up a statement of what the law stated and inclosed it in your pension checks of the immediate month after the passage of the law, and I inclosed another statement in there that if you came within the provisions of this law to notify me on the inclosed slip and we would take your claim up for consideration. Now, most of the widows did not look at that law, you understand. They were so anxious to have that—and I don't blame them—bless their dear souls—because they are entitled to it—they were so anxious about the thing that they signed it up and I received more than a hundred thousand applications. I was absolutely swamped, and that is the reason, my dear ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, that I have not been able to absolutely function so far as issuing the \$50 a month pension to these widows who were entitled to it. Do you get my point?

CHAIRMAN. CHASE. I have let you go almost 25 minutes.

Commissioner SCOTT. I would like to go on but I can't. I will have to come back next year and talk to you, and give you a real report.

CHAIRMAN CHASE. Do that. We are under obligations to the commissioner. I am going to tell him to go back to Washington and tell them that we think every soldier is worth \$72 a month, and the widows are worth \$50. [Applause.]

I am going to change the program now, comrades, into music.

Za-Ga-Zig Temple Chanters, A. A. O. N. M. S., then sang several selections and were heartily applauded.

Chairman CHASE. I beg your pardon, comrades, for rushing things a little. We don't want anybody to go unless it is necessary. We first want to thank these chanters that furnished us with this beautiful music. I know that you appreciate it just as much as I do.

It is my great pleasure now to introduce the commander in chief, the commanding officer of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commander in Chief John B. Inman.

Commander in Chief INMAN. I thank you very kindly for your reception of the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as the hour is late we will proceed immediately with the program. There are only six short greetings to come in from our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and five others—allied associations. The greetings from the National Woman's Relief Corps will be given by Mrs. Catherine McBride Hoster, the national president of the auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. CATHERINE MCBRIDE HOSTER, of Indianapolis. Commander in Chief, I guess the governor and the mayor have gone, but I want to, for my members, thank the citizens of Iowa and the city of Des Moines for their cordial greetings. We had such a splendid time when we were here in 1922 that we were glad to come back and accept your cordial hospitality.

I am proud to bring to you the greetings of nearly 200,000 members of the National Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the most wonderful organization in the world, the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.] For more than 43 years the Woman's Relief Corps has been walking by the side of the Grand Army of the Republic, working for and with them. The Union veteran of the Civil War has been their first thought and always shall be, just as long as there is a Civil War veteran. Any good loyal woman is eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, and for that reason, and because our work embraces everything that is dear to a woman's heart, the good works that were established and are sponsored by the Grand Army of the Republic, are done in our organization.

The Woman's Relief Corps will live forever [applause], and their greatest work is coming when the Civil War veteran is not here as an object lesson. The children of to-morrow, the children of a hundred years from now, must never be in doubt as to what the veteran of the Civil War, the Union veteran of the Civil War, meant to these United States.

That you may know a little of the work we are doing besides our work of relief and teaching of patriotism, I would give you just a few figures. During the past year from June 30, 1925, to 1926, we have expended for relief \$219,963.26. For Memorial Day expenses here and in the South, Christmas gifts for Army nurses,

\$30,408.39. Since organization we have spent for these works \$6,536,697.33 for the Grand Army of the Republic and the Army nurses. Besides that, we have, for the World War veterans, Spanish War veterans, soldiers' homes, soldiers' widows' homes, orphans' home, child welfare, Americanization, schools in the South, scholarships, and for posts, a total of \$47,196.44. That is one year's work in a money way in the Woman's Relief Corps, and it has all been a labor of love.

Commander in Chief, I want to say to you that this year has been a splendid year to have worked with you for the Grand Army of the Republic. At all times you have been generous and have looked after and cared for your auxiliary, and seen they were given the proper attention. We appreciate that. We appreciate the Grand Army wherever they are. And on behalf of the National Woman's Relief Corps, I am proud to have the privilege of presenting this check of \$1,000 for the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Mrs. Risley, the Woman's Relief Corps loves the Army nurses. We can not do too much for these dear women who cared for the boys of 1861 to 1865, and I am glad to present to you for your Association of Army Nurses this check for \$100, with the love of the Woman's Relief Corps.

I did want to speak of one other thing which I forgot. In June the Congress of the United States adopted a joint resolution in the Senate and House authorizing the Secretary of War to accept from the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic a tablet inscribed with Gen. John A. Logan's General Order No. 11, designating the establishment of May 30 as Memorial Day, this tablet to be placed in the amphitheater at Arlington. The National Woman's Relief Corps has the great privilege of being permitted to finance this project and present to the Grand Army of the Republic, through the commander in chief, the money to pay for this tablet, which will be on one of the marble pillars, 4 by 6 feet, in a very prominent place in the amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery, a permanent memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic and the establishment of Memorial Day by them.

Commander in Chief INMAN. Mrs. Hoster, allow me on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic to thank you, and through you the National Woman's Relief Corps, for this very substantial evidence of the continuity of your loyalty to our order. I thank you.

Mr. JESSE W. WATSON, of Des Moines. Members of the G. A. R. and ladies of the allied bodies, in behalf of the Spanish War Veterans of this city we take great pleasure in presenting to you a basket of flowers that were raised by the veterans in Des Moines. These flowers were raised here for this special occasion, and we hope the time will come when we will be able to raise flowers to present in this hall again at some future occasion. Personally, it was one of my great hobbies, as well as being a member of the Spanish War Veterans, to adhere to three things—raise flowers and appreciate them, protect the flag, and honor and protect the ones that protect the flag. Thank you.

Commander in Chief INMAN. My young friend, I wish to thank you very sincerely for this magnificent bouquet. Next to my mem-

bership in the Grand Army of the Republic I esteem it a high and a distinct honor to have served in the war with Spain, and here is one evidence of the appreciation of that fact on the part of my younger comrades, and it touches me deeply. I thank you, sir, very much.

Past Department Commander R. L. CHASE, of Iowa. I have forgotten one thing, and I have to apologize for it. I am going to let your chief of staff tell them.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY, of Massachusetts. Part of our program will have to be postponed until Wednesday night, the night of the camp fire. On account of this washout we have had a delay in the mail and express. But it is my pleasant duty to-night to present to you—I don't think I need any amplifier to carry my voice—to present to you to-night, through the courtesy of Colonel Funk, of Grand Rapids, Mich., a beautiful reclining chair that you see crated there, presented to you by the citizens committee of Grand Rapids, and the retail association, where we met last year. This chair is made in Grand Rapids. Now, you have had a strenuous year, and when you get that chair home and set up I think that you will enjoy fully the opportunity of stretching yourself out and resting yourself, as I know you will, in comfort. I will state to the national aids there will be a continuation of my duties Wednesday night, and I want you all here.

Commander in Chief INMAN. Comrade Funk, of Grand Rapids, Mich., I certainly am surprised at this token of respect from one of my official family and all the friends of Grand Rapids, and I shall adopt the suggestion of the chief of staff and take a good rest in the chair. But I don't want them to be obliged to wheel me back to Springfield, Ill.

We will proceed with these greetings. I hope as many of the friends as can will remain. It will be only a few minutes, and it is really due to the other allied associations connected with the Grand Army of the Republic to do them the honor of your appreciation of what they are doing for all good patriotic purposes.

I will now introduce the Army Nurses' Association representative, Mrs. Alice Cary Risley, the national president, one of the old Army nurses. She owns up to 79 years of age.

Mrs. ALICE CARY RISLEY, of Missouri. When you ask a woman how old she is, she is not going to tell. Members of the allied societies and our comrades, some 10 years ago, if I remember correctly, I told you that just as long as you came to these encampments the Army nurses were going to come. There are not as many of us now as there were then, and not nearly as many of you. Still we come to bring you greetings, and we hope an Army nurse will be here to bring you greetings just as long as you hold these encampments, up to and including the last, for we are just as loyal to you to-day as we were when we did our bit to help you make this country one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

We are not auxiliary to any other organization, but, comrades, I have got a secret that I am awfully afraid these two reporters will get hold of. We have a bee in our bonnet, and that bee just keeps buzzing and buzzing, makes us have dreams and build air castles, when we think that perhaps before we are all gone the comrades

will make the Army nurses honorary members of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief INMAN. I now have the honor and the pleasure to introduce Mrs. Lida E. Manson, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. LIDA E. MANSON, of Crawfordsville, Ind. Commander in chief, members of the national bodies, and friends assembled, I know you are all patriotic people or you would not be here, and my heart just sings with joy to-night when I see this splendid audience I was just sitting there thinking about the meeting. It came out in the paper that the Grand Army was considering disbanding. Do you think that anybody in this audience or in the whole world would ever consider that for a single minute? I am sure they would not. [Cries of "No."]

There is only one person that will ever disband the Grand Army of the Republic, and that is the Maker of the universe. When the last one is gone you will be disbanded, and up to that time we will always have the Grand Army of the Republic with us, and we are proud of you. [Applause.]

I am very happy to bring the greetings from the national organization of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Their name is self-explanatory. You know who we are and what we are and what we are trying to do, and while we are not very large in numbers—less than 100,000—yet we are just as loyal and we are just doing a wonderful work—we think we are.

I sometimes wonder if the audiences really think we are doing nothing because we don't have money enough maybe to make a great wonderful gift to the commander in chief. But I am awfully proud of those people who do do that. I think it is a splendid thing to do. But I will tell you what we do with our money. We build homes for the veterans and their wives, and for the sisters of the organization, and hospitals. We have educational boards for educating the children of the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War, and we are just doing a whole lot of good things. We think we are.

I am just as proud of these women who are able to do the big things, just as proud as we can be, and they are loyal to the Grand Army. As I said before, we will never consider for one minute their disbanding. We will stand by them to the end.

I am very proud to have been here to-night and able to speak to you. I was in Des Moines four years ago, and we had a perfectly splendid time, and we are having a better time this time. I hope to see a great many of you again—I don't know how many. That is a thing we don't know, but it is perfectly all right, and I am glad to greet you to-night. I thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief INMAN. Regarding this matter of the disbanding of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have been greatly grieved and considerably annoyed by the number of inquiries coming into the general headquarters in regard to the disbanding immediately after the encampment at Des Moines, and all things of that sort. It is absolutely without foundation in fact. When the Grand Army reaches a point where it shall go down, I say to you that it will be functioning as an organization up to that moment, just as long as there is a single comrade to follow the flag. [Applause.]

We will now have the greetings from the Daughters of the Union Veterans, Estelle M. H. Underhill, national president.

Mrs. ESTELLE M. H. UNDERHILL, of Binghamton, N. Y. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, president of the Woman's Relief Corps, president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, president of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Commander in Chief Ireland, comrades, and friends, it is especially a privilege to be here to-night to attend this camp fire and to address the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their allied organizations. These dear veterans have always been a source of inspiration to me, as I realize that they have, perhaps as no other body of men, exerted an influence that has penetrated not only the core of the Nation but has been known to every nation of the earth.

I am not here to-night to speak of the past glories or of thinning ranks, but of the future that these men have made possible. These veterans built on a firm foundation that was bequeathed to them, and enlarged upon it to suit the growth and advancement of our Nation, so that to-day, despite the ravages of time they and the principles for which they fought, are stronger and more far-reaching than ever before.

I am very glad, my dear commander in chief and comrades, that you have settled for once this talk of disbanding. It has worried me about as much as it has your commander in chief. I was fearful it might be true, but I am glad to know that you will never disband until the Maker of the universe wills it so.

It would be unfair for me and unwise also to try to hold your attention to-night on this platform after the eloquence of the president of your auxiliary, the governor, the mayor, and the commander in chief, and all the wonderful speakers before me. I have just a little message of love and greeting for each and every one of this audience to-night, and that is the greeting of one of the grandest orders on the face of the earth, the daughters of the gray-haired boys, the boys who wore the blue. [Applause.]

We are the Daughters of Veterans and we feel that we have a place in this universe that is equaled by none, and I can not imagine a greater honor in this world that can come to any woman than to be the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. [Applause.] It is a heritage of which I am justly proud. I heard this afternoon that you never can appear on the platform as a national president but once. Sometimes they get other offices more times, so this is better, being made a national president of the daughters.

So, my dear comrades and friends, to-night, when I bring to you the love and the greetings of about 50,000 loyal daughters, I am bringing to you a wealth of treasure that is exceeded by none in this wide world. Our organization would number about 500,000 if we could take in any but just the real true, loyal daughters. Our heritage is that of the Daughters of the Union Veterans. We can take in no other relation, and I am awfully glad of it, because we get along very well, and we are expecting to do many, many things for our dear daddies that our cousins and our nieces might not care to do as well.

Now, my dear Commander in Chief, I have a word of greeting for you. We know that many to you have written and others to you may write, but no organization loves you dearer than the one I represent to-night. And in behalf of that wonderful organization I tramped the city of New York to get something very lovely for you, and I have secured a beautiful purse here, and that purse I want to present to you. Your name is on it; if you lose it, it will be returned to you. My dear Commander, that purse is very nice, because I selected it myself. That is for you. It contains a little check, Commander in Chief, of \$1,200 from your daughters. [Great applause.] This check is for the Grand Army of the Republic. I am giving it to you, Commander in Chief, to use it as the Grand Army of the Republic sees fit. There are no strings on this check; and here is this purse for your own personal use.

Commander in Chief INMAN. I get the purse?

Mrs. UNDERHILL. You get the purse; the Grand Army gets the check, and with that check goes our love and appreciation for—

The little boys that wore the blue,
You dear old comrades, so old and few,
Who were young and stalwart in '62,
When you went to war away.

Comrades, I want you to know that your daughters have played quite an important part in this recent pension legislation; and when the young man told you comrades about what he did in connection with pensions I felt like telling him that the part he played was not any more important than the part we played, because we stormed the castle with telegrams. My organization sent over 200 telegrams to Washington in behalf of the pension bill, and we didn't like it the way the widows were used, and we are going to send them more telegrams when the time comes. [Applause.]

I would like to tell my friends here this evening that the Daughters of the Union Veterans are placing in each convention city a memorial to the Grand Army, something that is acceptable in the years to come, that you can look upon and say, "This is something that is an honor to our daddies and to these white-haired boys to-day." We have placed in the city of Grand Rapids a beautiful flagstaff and in the city of Des Moines one of the most wonderful drinking fountains that you have ever laid your eyes upon, and that will be dedicated on next Wednesday after the parade. I hope you will all be there and see the fountain and have a drink on me.

Commander in Chief INMAN. In behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic we extend to you our heartfelt thanks for this very substantial contribution to the Grand Army of the Republic. When you beat the Woman's Relief Corps—

Mrs. UNDERHILL. We are going some.

Commander in Chief INMAN. You are going, as you say, "going some." It is very, very much appreciated, and I shall turn it over to the proper authorities, the quartermaster general.

Mrs. UNDERHILL. Comrade Inman, we are just glad to do it. We are just right here to tell you if there is anything in this world we can do for you, command us and we are at your service.

I have a message for the nurses who took care of our fathers when they were on the battle field—the angel of the battle field, "the rose

of no man's land." If there ever was a woman in the world that deserves praise and love from an organization of the daughters of the boys who wore the blue, it is the nurses that took care of those boys on the battle field; and the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War will not forget those nurses. We remember them with our love and appreciation, but we also remember them in a material way. It gives me great pleasure this evening, in behalf of that wonderful organization that I represent, the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, to present to these dear nurses a check of \$100, to use as you see fit. [Applause.] That check goes to the National Army Nurses' Association. I thank you.

Commander in Chief INMAN. I now have the honor and the great pleasure to present the national commander of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Comrade Irelan. He said he lost the "d" coming across the waters from Ireland.

Commander in Chief EDWIN C. IRELAN, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Baltimore, Md. I deem it, as the national president of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an honor and privilege to stand here among the comrades of my father and the sisters of my mother and pay a tribute on behalf of my organization to the grandest organization of noble men who, at a most critical time in the history of their country, gave their all to their commander in chief, Abraham Lincoln, that we, the sons of those noble men, may be privileged to enjoy that heritage which only can be descended from a noble father to a loyal son. [Applause.]

I want to impress upon the minds of this great audience the great fact that my organization is a commemorative sort of organization. We in our camp rooms and in our divisions, as well as in the commandery in chief, memorialize to the greatest extent every Union veteran of the Civil War because we believe that their examples at Gettysburg and Mobile Bay, as well as on other great battle fields, they gave to the American Nation those examples of loyalty, of devotion and self-sacrifice that have never been equaled in any war, be it where'er it has been fought, and that to-day stands preeminent in this great world the fact that the veterans, the Union Veterans of the Civil War gave to this Nation more than any other human being could have given, and the reason for that is this, that they gave to you and to me a citizenship in a united country, with one flag, and that the Star Spangled Banner. [Applause.]

Why should not we sons inculcate into the minds of the rising generation your heroism, your example of self-sacrifice, and your devotion to a cause which the Almighty stamped with his hand of approval and brought success to the army of Abraham Lincoln? [Applause.]

I want to leave with you, as I have left with all audiences throughout the length and breadth of this country one great life, one life full of anxiety, a heart so big that it beat for the posterity that was to come in many years after he should have passed away. There is no life in the American history to my mind that equals that of your Commander in Chief Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.] Where can you find a leader of that caliber, of the wisdom, of the wholeheartedness, of that milk of human kindness, except in that man that led you victoriously in that great conflict to preserve for all

ages a united country with unlimited opportunity for every one to rise to that great exalted position of President of the United States?

This is a country that has been brought about by sacrifice, by blood, and any country baptized with blood is baptized, I firmly believe, by the Almighty to be destined, as it is to-day, the leader of the world in patriotism, in devotion, and for the preservation of human rights. It was the veterans of the Civil War that have wrought so nobly that at this day they are able to look in retrospection of a great work done for all, and when we look into the future we can feel assured that any organization built up by loyal women, as that noble band of Woman's Relief Corps, that band of Army nurses, and when I refer to them I must necessarily refer to that great and glorious woman who has brought forth through her effort the Red Cross—Clara Barton, whom we love and honor and whose memory will live on a perpetual record. [Applause.]

It is these dear women who on battle fields and in hospitals during the great civil strife soothed the feverish brow of many a comrade, who, had it not been for them, possibly some would have passed to the great beyond many years before they did; and to my sister organization, the Daughters of Veterans, and my own auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—you have back of your organization possible enthusiastic admirers of close on to 500,000 people, and what 500,000 people can do for the Union veterans of the Civil War is shown at Washington during the last Congress where all the allied bodies contributed their strength to bring about pension legislation.

We are loyal to the Grand Army of the Republic, and I may say to you that there is no order composed of men who are closer to an organization than an order the membership of which has the same red patriotic blood as flows in the veins of these veterans. I glory in my father's naval career. He was one of Admiral Farragut's officers in the Battle of Mobile Bay. He has long passed to his reward, but what I am doing for my order and what I have done throughout the last year has been in recognition and in commemoration of his work for Abraham Lincoln. For myself I glory in the work and accomplishments, and I feel that you veterans have left for all ages, these words of assurance:

Then up with our flag, let it stream on the air,
 Though our fathers are cold in their graves;
 They had hands that could strike,
 They had souls that could dare;
 And their sons were not born to be slaves.
 Up, up with that banner! Where'er it may call.
 Our millions shall rally around,
 And a nation of free men that moment shall fall
 When its stars shall be trailed on the ground.

[Applause.]

Commander in Chief INMAN. We have only one more brief greeting and after that a brief response to these greetings, and we will be through in five or six minutes. I now have the honor to present Mamie M. Deems, national president of the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. MAMIE M. DEEMS, of California. Mr. Commander in Chief, just a word of greeting from the auxiliary to the Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War, and just a word of greeting to you, my dear commander, and let me add to that wonderful collection that you have received from the Woman's Relief Corps and Daughters of Veterans, our mite, and may you have our blessings, as you have earned them, and may you have a wonderful encampment. We thank the city of Des Moines for allowing you to come here, because you come here and we come here. May you have a pleasant week, and God bless you one and all. I thank you [presenting a check to the commander in chief for \$500].

Commander in chief INMAN. I will now call upon the Judge Advocate General of the national administration, Comrade William G. Cochran, who will respond to these greetings, and I want you all to remain and hear your comrade Cochran.

Judge Advocate General WILLIAM G. COCHRAN, of Sullivan, Ill. Commander in Chief, the Governor of Iowa, the mayor of the city of Des Moines, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and the wonderful class of women who compose the Nurses of the Civil War, in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, and at the request of its commander, I return to you the heartfelt thanks of this wonderful organization for your kind words of welcome, and also for the interest that you have displayed in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Some say that this organization will soon be gone, that its members are passing rapidly away, and I have heard it hinted that this would probably be the last national encampment it would attempt to hold. [Cries of "No."] But I want to refute that idea and say to the citizens of Iowa and of this good city, that as long as there are two that can get together there will be a reunion. [Applause.] And if you don't want us to come back here don't extend an invitation to us [applause], because from the treatment that we received four years ago and that which we are receiving now since we have got here—we had some trouble in getting here, however, but that was not your fault—I think that the boys would be willing to vote to come back here next year, if you would invite them. [Applause.]

You remember Indianapolis had it two years in succession, and the second year was better than the first. So I think that would be the case in this instance if we were to return here. But we have plenty of places to go to.

I want to say to you that the nurses of the Civil War have never received the full credit which has belonged to them. One reason was that there was so few of them; they were not so numerous as to command the attention of the soldiers and they did not come in contact with all the soldiers. Some of you remember, perhaps, at Cairo, Ill., when Mother Bickerdyke was there there was a lot of complaint by the doctors that she was assuming authority, and Sherman met her one day and told her that there was some complaint being made, and he said, "Where do you get your authority?" And she said, "From God Almighty." And he said, "I guess that is right, because there is nobody in this camp that outranks you but Him." And that was the case with about all of them; they would have their way.

I must not attempt to make a speech. I have been a little curious to know where these women get all this money these hard times. I suppose—I know that they get it rightfully and honestly, and they give it with a free will and with a warm heart, and we certainly appreciate their kindness as well as the work that they do for the Grand Army of the Republic.

There are about 100,000 of us left—that is, of the old soldiers—less than 65,000 members of the Grand Army of the Republic, I believe, in the United States. I hear a whisper back here, “About 47,000.” I had not consulted the record for a few days.

But that is the natural course of events. We are all or nearly all 80 years of age, and what we want to remember, boys, is this: “We have lived a long time; we have had a wonderful life; we have lived in the greatest period of this history of the greatest country on the face of the earth; and we now want to live and learn every day to live as though that day was our last, because soon—yes, too soon for some of us, perhaps—we will have to answer to the last roll call.

But our hearts are content, our minds are fixed, we have loving veneration for our country and its flag, and we have a heart that throbs in unison with the great heart of the Creator of the universe. “And Thy will be done, not my will,” and as we go and the King of Day puts His fiery chariot away behind the sunlit hills of the west and we have crossed over the Jordan, the stars of heaven shall come forth as the candle of the skies to escort us in the gloaming into the haven of eternal rest, there where all shall be perfect peace. Throughout the ceaseless ages of a never-ending eternity, with Lincoln—Abraham Lincoln, “Father Abraham,” the greatest personage that ever lived in all the world; with General Grant, U. S. Grant, the greatest military commander in my judgment that the world has ever known; with William T. Sherman, the man who cut a swath 60 miles wide and 300 miles long through the great Confederacy, the like of which was never known before in the history of the world; together with Logan, Meade, Hancock, Thomas, Rosecrans, and all these men that led us on to victory, we shall stand in the presence of a just judge and there be marshaled in great array before the tribunal of everlasting and perfect justice, headed by this immortal Abraham Lincoln that we love to call “Father Abraham”: and when they get ready for the parade they will send down to Illinois to Jackson county and get John A. Logan, the greatest volunteer general that ever lived, to command this wonderful parade of Grand Army men that have gone—passed on into their everlasting reward where in peace, we hope, and not war, in the smiles of an everlasting and well pleased father, we will spend the rest of eternity. I thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief INMAN. You will please arise and sing one verse of “America” and consider yourselves dismissed.

Whereupon, after the singing of America, the audience at 10.32 o’clock p. m., dispersed.

**CAMP FIRE HELD AT THE COLISEUM, DES MOINES, IOWA,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 22, 1926, PAST
COMMANDER IN CHIEF JAMES W. WILLETT, OF TAMA,
IOWA, PRESIDING**

While the audience was assembling, the comrades and their friends were entertained by music from the North High School Band.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT (8.10 p. m.). While the audience is being seated, as there are others coming in, we will have music by the Woman's Glee Club of the chamber of commerce.

The Woman's Glee Club then sang several selections, receiving hearty applause from the audience.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Comrades, allied societies, and fellow citizens, we will open the regular camp fire of the Sixtieth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic with a prayer by Comrade Wilson, department chaplain of the Department of Iowa. Please rise.

Comrade C. L. WILSON, of Wapello, Iowa. Infinitely great and all-wise God, Maker of heaven and earth, and all that in them is, Thou rulest in the armies of heaven and among men, and through Thy infinite goodness and mercy and compassion a goodly number of us have been permitted to meet in this annual convocation.

We thank Thee for our lives. We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, for Thy guardian care, for Thy watchfulness over us, for while many of our comrades fell by our sides, our lives were held precious in Thy sight and through all these years Thou hast preserved us and brought us to this present hour.

We thank Thee for the innumerable blessings that have fallen to our lot. We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, that it has been the privilege of the men who compose the Grand Army to stand for the principles of liberty and freedom, to perpetuate the teachings and the examples of the fathers who preceded us in this Government. We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, that under Thy blessing we have progressed and advanced until we have become a mighty Nation.

O God, we pray Thee that we may continue as a Nation to enjoy that divine approbation. May we heed the counsels of Thy word. May we live to the honor and glory of our Maker, and may the people of this land have respect unto Him who has created all things and made them possible by the might of His power.

Lord, remember our comrades who are sick and in distress, for many of them, our Heavenly Father, are suffering from their exposures and hardships and from the infirmities incident to old age, but we pray that God may be gracious and comfort them amidst all their afflictions.

May Thy blessing be upon this encampment. May the business that is transacted be done in such a way that it may be for the

good of our country, of our people, and may Thy name be glorified by the things that we are endeavoring to do to lift up humanity and ennoble and dignify human nature.

We pray Thee, our Heavenly Father, that we may not only be faithful to ourselves but that we may be a blessing to all the world. Make us a blessing to all the world and the nations around us, and may we be an example to them that they may be led to adopt such principles for government as will tend to promote the highest good and welfare of all mankind.

Lord, we pray Thee to guide us and keep us from all that is wrong, from all enemies; and may everything that is contrary to Thy will and to the welfare of Thy cause be put from among the children of men. We pray Thee, our Heavenly Father, that long our flag may wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O God, preserve us by Thy might, keep us faithful and our names on the roll of Thy servants, and ultimately may we be gathered unto Thee in a land where Thou, Lord, art the Supreme Commander. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Comrades, fellow citizens, the first speaker on the program this evening needs no introduction to a Grand Army gathering. He has been a faithful, ardent Grand Army man since the organization of our institution. He has attended an approximate of 80 per cent at least, if not more, of the consecutive national encampments of the Grand Army for as many consecutive years. I am not sure, but I think that he numbers an approximate of 51 national encampments. And he is one of the most noted orators in our midst, and the most noted orator in our organization. [Applause.] I take great pleasure in introducing Corporal Tanner, past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who will now address you. [Great applause.]

Past Commander in Chief JAMES TANNER. Judge Willett, comrades, ladies, and gentlemen, from the depth of my heart, the first from my lips to-night must be an acknowledgment to some degree of the great, generous, all-embracing hospitality of this fair city of Des Moines. [Applause.] Personally, I think they have gone to some excess. I think that even if that distinguished Member of Congress, Mr. Volstead, was present, he would concede that there was a little more water here than was necessary. [Applause.]

The general orders of the Grand Army tell you that this is the Sixtieth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I claim that we are older than that. It is a recorded fact that the Grand Army was born at Springfield, Ill., 60 years ago, the organization having emanated from the brain of an army surgeon, Doctor Stephenson, who was a man with a vision, and he saw what such an organization could amount to in the affairs of the Nation when they had got entirely through with war.

But I claim that the inception of the Grand Army was in Abraham Lincoln's call to the first 25,000, when he voiced the cry of liberty in mortal peril, and they came, and the call was repeated, and they came, and they came until at last they swept from the prairies of the West to the mountain side and the valleys and swept across the great plains, and their iron-shod heels rang in rhythm over the paved streets of the great cities until they built a belted line of blue in the

Southland, making the air ring with the resonant rhythm of "We are coming, Father Abraham, 300,000 more." And they built that line of their brave hearts as breastworks against which the on-swelling tide of rebellion dashed and broke, and, baffled, fell back.

We must epitomize to-night, and so I want to say to all the comrades here that an epitome of what is your glory to-night is recorded in the simple statement, "You answered Lincoln's call, and you followed Grant to the bitter end." Four long years. Blood, blood, blood! And one of the tenderest men that ever trod a field of battle was grieved to his heart at the sacrifice he felt it was necessary to make and for him to lead in, and that was Ulysses S. Grant. [Applause.]

There came a day when rebuff after rebuff had been received by us, when the country was so depressed, and there were many very faint hearts, and the Nation staggered—but from one of the bloodiest fields in the South came to President Lincoln the historic message, and I well remember the day when I first read it, it thrilled the heart of the Nation, encouraged the people, as they read Grant's declaration to the President, "I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer." [Applause.]

Then we took heart. Then we nerved ourselves to go on, and we went on. We went on until 400,000 of the best and bravest God Almighty ever adorned the earth with went down to death. And then came victory. Then came Appomattox. Then came the disruption and the downfall of the Confederacy, and "Johnnie went marching home again" to receive the plaudits that a nation always gives to its triumphant warriors when they come panoplied in victory.

Then they went out and they took civilization to the West. They built up the waste places. They conquered the great American desert and made it glorious with the rewards that nature gave. It has often seemed to me that it was a queer thing that one thing was not more talked about as the years have gone by, and that is the cold fact that never in all the history of wars that I have read anything about was there ever a case where it was so marked finally that the party that was defeated received so much benefit from their defeat.

When Grant shot secession to death at Appomattox, the South went ahead a hundred years in progress compared to what it ever would have attained if the same condition of existence had continued to prevail that dominated in the decade from 1850 to 1860. We helped them along mightily, and we are glad of it, we are proud of it.

The Grand Army especially has stood for progress, for law and order, for the majesty and dignity of the Nation. We have been active participants in all the glory that has come, and the Grand Army has not been going up and down this country holding their national encampments as a means of recreation and personal enjoyment to them. In a dozen different places where we have met in my time in the last 51 years of attending national encampments, time and again men have come to me in the place where we have held the encampment, after the encampment was over, men who were not eligible to membership in the Grand Army, and they have told me frankly that they wanted to tell me what a change of heart they had had in one thing, that they used to think that we were making a mistake when we went, as we have gone, from Maine to California, from Port-

land to Louisville, and from New England all over the sextant. They thought it would have been better if we had had permanent headquarters and always met in one city. But now they had seen an encampment in their own town, they had seen how the children thronged the sidewalks, how interested they were, and how those in their own home lingered over the stories they heard of the war and gloated in it and seemed to be surcharged with patriotism. We are an educator in patriotism. We have had no selfish purposes in it at all.

Nations come and go but wars continue, and there are visionaries to the last degree of the time ever coming when there will be world-wide peace. Man is not built that way. Christianity and civilization have not been prosecuted that way. There never was any marked advance in the dominion of the God above us in the civilized world except that it was wrought through blood. And so we have gone on; we have inculcated the spirit in our youth, because wars are bound to come, and the false mother who sings "I did not raise my boy to be a soldier" misses one of her first duties; and, besides that, we do not bring them up soldiers, but we educate them to be patriots, because wars will come and our children of to-day will have to tread battle fields just as sure as you live, and we want them to be so imbued with patriotism.

A little while since I received a letter from a lady over in Massachusetts who wrote me that she had for a long time been collecting expressions from men either noted or notorious of what sentiments had dominated and guided their lives, and she asked one from me. I told her how long I had belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic, and that that organization when it was organized adopted as its motto "Fraternity, charity, and loyalty," and therefore I had become very familiar with it; it had been constantly before my eye through my life, and I was perfectly willing to have her put me down under that expression—fraternity for all mankind, because as we acknowledge the fatherhood of God we are bound to acknowledge the brotherhood of man; charity for the shortcomings of all our fellow beings, realizing that we had plenty of our own and that it stood us in hand to remove the beam from our own eye before we went searching for the motes in our brother's eye; loyalty—loyalty supreme, loyalty to God, loyalty to the Nation that nurtured and protected us, loyalty to the extreme limit. And then I thought that when we lived that life, true to those things, that we need not be afraid of the judgment of God hereafter. We realize our own defects; we realize how much we need God's mercy.

I have heard clergymen at Grand Army encampments pray for God's justice to these old veterans. I never sympathized with them, because perhaps I know these old veterans better than the clergymen did, and on several occasions I told those individual clergymen that it was not God's justice that we craved but we did want God's mercy to the utmost limit, for we had need of it.

So to-night we are here for our sixtieth encampment, and there are some—mighty few—who think it is time that the Grand Army wound up its existence and went into the grave. I don't agree with them. [Applause.] I don't represent much, just one degree from a high private. I got a corporalship. But I represent that

class that never quit. [Applause.] I did not quit until Stonewall Jackson mustered me out with a shell, and besides that there is a vivid organization in existence, and I have many personal friends among them, known as the United Confederate Veterans of the South. I have heard no word from them that they propose to disband, and, by the Lord above us, we outlasted them on the field of battle and we can outlast them in peace. [Great applause.]

The fraternity we have exhibited has borne fruit, and so we came to see the day when the United States aroused, took the fair isle of Cuba from the clutches of the debased Spanish monarch, and we set Cuba up in business, gave them frank notice that they had got to quit their internal turmoils and revolutions—if not, we would spank them. And then you know they broke out again, and we spanked them, and that made them get back into the line and behave themselves. Now Cuba, that little island, is building a \$10,000,000 capitol for their government.

We clutched the Philippines from their dominion, and we have done everything we could and we are succeeding in lifting the Filipinos up from the degraded condition of heathenism; we have lifted them up on the plateau of civilization and christianity, and we are going to make a nation of them. That is something that has been done. But above all another result is the splendid feeling of unanimity between the North and the South when it comes to the question of the national arms.

You and I little dreamed when we came back from the South we would ever live to see the day when the loyal sons of Indiana and of Iowa and Ohio and Vermont and Mississippi, with Massachusetts, the Carolinas, with other Northern States—we little dreamed we would ever come to see the day when the sons of each of those States would be standing down in one line with our boys, all under one flag, all fighting for the United States of America and for its supremacy.

So it came to pass that when the Kaiser, inflamed with egotism, impious in his assertions about "me und Gott," there came a time when Germany was blood drunk and France and England were bled white, and then we paid the debt—we owed a debt to France from a colonial day through Lafayette and Rochambeau, and so when they were reduced and almost in extremes we sent our vessels floating across the ocean with millions of American boys. So it was that Pershing came to stand at the grave of Lafayette and in simple tones and terms said over that glorious site, "Lafayette, we are here." [Applause.]

England had been desirous, the majority of its people, to take a hand in and recognize the southern Confederacy, force our ports open, and give them the aid that was vitally necessary. But, as I said last Sunday in the church, there was a glorious old woman sitting on the throne of England who was one of the best allies we ever had or ever could have, and Queen Victoria held all the aristocracy of England in check; Gladstone, Disraeli, and others who were willing to have England recognize the southern Confederacy. They were pleading for their market, but John Bright and a very few others were the only ones who supported Queen Victoria.

But her power was such that she held the aristocracy in check, when France would have been delighted to have followed the lead of England if it had only recognized the Confederacy and opened our southern ports and given them arms and ammunition.

There came a day later, after Queen Victoria had gone to the eternal realm and her grandson sat on the throne of England, King George, when the throne was trembling. But we sent our men abroad and we steadied that throne. We sent men enough over there that he could steady the imperiled Republic of France, and it is now written in history that when the Americans commenced to come across Hindenburg said to the Kaiser, "The game is up, when America comes in." And I thought when I read that of the time when the Kaiser was in the height of his power and as arrogant as all the evil spirits could be, and our minister, Judge Gerard, of New York, attended one of the royal receptions at Berlin. The Kaiser singled him out and told him that he was going to finish England and France, and then when he got through with them he would turn his attention to the United States, and he said to Judge Gerard, "Mr. Ambassador, I have 2,000,000 loyal German subjects living in the United States." And Mr. Gerard, with a voice that rang as clear as the Kaiser's had, said, "Your Majesty, I am perfectly well aware of the truth of the figures you quote. Let me further inform you that we have just that number of lamp-posts unoccupied in the United States of America, and we know what use to put them to if those residing there are not loyal to the United States Government." [Applause.]

So we are vitally interested in the affairs of the Government of the United States—the Grand Army of the Republic, none more so, because all you enjoy of national power and prosperity—I want to tell you in the plainest kind of terms—you are indebted to what these boys and their old colleagues who are dead and gone did from sixty-one to Appomattox. We are interested in having this Nation continue prosperous. We are one of the wealthiest nations. We are the wealthiest Nation on the face of the earth, but because of that I do not think for one moment that the United States ought to take the contract to pay the war debts of all the European monarchies. [Applause.]

Economy, yes. On right lines. In the early days of the existence of the Republic, George Washington, of immortal fame, gave a little advice, and it was summed up so tersely that it is very easily quoted, advising the young Republic about relations with other nations. Washington wrote it tersely and forcefully, "Friendly relations with all nations, form entanglements with none." When the question of the League of Nations came before the Nation. I thought George Washington was a better adviser on that line than anybody we had among us. [Applause.] I have not changed my opinion.

Economy, yes. We stand with President Coolidge for economy in all public expenditures that are absolutely necessary, but, frankly speaking, we do not want any economy that interferes with the daily, decent existence of our comrades who have survived that awful sacrifice, and the widows of those who have gone to their death. [Applause.]

Economy, yes; but the fore part of this month a judge of our Supreme Court of the District of Columbia dropped into my office one day, a man I have known for years. He had been away on his vacation up in Vermont, and he came down and dropped in on me for a chat and a smoke. And we canvassed things, and we canvassed economy, and we talked pretty plain about it to one another in the spirit that the Grand Army of the Republic would heartily indorse. And the judge said, "I have got a good one for you, Tanner, on the subject of economy." He said, "There was an old fellow up there, a great old character, a great fisherman, and he was a little disgruntled because one of the orders that our Postmaster General Harry New had issued had interfered somewhat with emoluments of the postmaster, or postmistress, I don't know which, and he was disgruntled. Economy! He didn't like it. They thought they would mollify the old fellow so they congratulated him on the fact that they knew what a successful fisherman he was and they knew his catch and they knew that he got more fish than Coolidge was exploited through the newspapers as having got. 'Humph,' he says, 'no trouble to beat Cal. Catch more fish than he does? Of course I do. Huh, that's where Cal's economy comes in.' He says, 'When I go fishing I use a whole worm for bait.'" [Laughter.]

So we would go ahead four-square to all the winds that blow. We would congratulate our own sons and grandsons and all humanity, that we did as good a job as we did in the sixties and we leave the world better than we found it, and that is our consolation. And so, in deference to my associates on this platform to-night, I give you that congratulation, and I want to tell you that we are going on, and on, and on.

We have got eight invitations here to hold our national encampments for eight consecutive years, and I understand we have got about eight candidates for commander in chief, so you see we have got to hold eight more national encampments. [Applause.] Give them all a show.

I have got a little personal interest. In eight years more time my total age will be up to 90. My father lived to be 89, and I just want to tell him when I get over that I beat him one year. And I hope some of these days we will have the privilege, when we are even less than we are to-day, of coming back to Des Moines and having another encampment here, and experience in our extreme age the glory of the greeting that comes to us from the hearts of our people. I bid you good night. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. As chairman I will now call upon Comrade Hosley, chief of staff, for a matter of business.

Chief of Staff GEORGE A. HOSLEY, of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, comrades, and ladies, I have a pleasant duty to perform, one that this is my eleventh consecutive time in performing. The aids of the commander in chief and the official family from time immemorial have presented the outgoing commander in chief with a testimonial. I am about to perform that task, and, Commander in Chief, we would ask you to come forward.

Commander in Chief, your aids and official family have delegated me to present you with this badge. As I was about to contract for

it, one of your executive committee, Silas Towler, wrote to me that the commander in chief when a boy went from Minnesota in the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery. Now we want to present him with something emblematic of Minnesota, and, as you know, Minnesota was the last State to come into the Union at that time, and she was called the North Star State. So in making up this badge I have had Joseph K. Davidson's Sons, of Philadelphia, the great importers and manufacturing jewelers, to place the 10-pointed star, emblematic of the State of Minnesota, your birth State, and I take great pleasure in pinning this star and this badge upon your breast, and you will wear it over a heart that beats loyal to your Republic, your country, and your God. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief INMAN. Comrade Hosley and others who may have contributed to this beautiful badge, when a year ago I was elected commander in chief it seemed that my cup of rejoicing had been filled to overflowing; and now at the end of the year with its intermingled sorrow and joy, I am placed under further obligations to my comrades in the presentation of this beautiful badge of a past commander in chief. I am glad that beyond the glitter and gleam of its gems there is to be found the eagle and bar, the ribbon and star, symbolic of the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic whose very name is a synonym of patriotism and whose crowning principle is loyalty. I can only say that I shall undertake to wear this badge with credit to myself and with honor to the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Comrade HOSLEY. Now, Commander in Chief, I have another duty to perform. You will have the kindness to bring your better half forward.

Commander in Chief INMAN. Two-thirds.

Comrade HOSLEY. Mrs. Inman, your husband has been a wandering boy in the past year, and I know that you are congratulating yourself and patting yourself on the back to think that you are going to have the privilege of making his acquaintance again. Now the staff of the commander in chief went still further and said, "Present his wife with some suitable token." We all know that women are the greatest sacrificers, the mothers of men; and I take pleasure in presenting you with a brooch here, and hope that you will take great pleasure in wearing it, as I know you will. [Applause.]

Mrs. JOHN B. INMAN. Comrade Hosley, it is with a heart filled with intense gratitude that I accept this beautiful gift from you from the staff. I shall wear it, and every time I wear it I shall think of the loving, true friends of not only my husband but myself. It is a beautiful thing, and it comes as a delightful surprise. I appreciate it and I thank you for it, for this token of love and esteem. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. In the trend of time in affairs like this we sometimes run onto a proposition that causes deviations from the set order of things. I have found and been introduced to a man on this platform who is the son of a Confederate veteran, who has served in the Army of the United States, including his 4 years at West Point, for 32 years and has engaged in the wars subsequent to the War of the Rebellion as an enlisted Federal soldier,

Col. James A. Moss, United States Army, retired. And being a descendant, as I am, of a family that during the War of the Rebellion was divided within itself about 50-50, I am wont to hear what this young man has to say. I know something about the southern sentiment on our side, and I present to you with pleasure and vouch for what he will tender to your hearing, Col. James A. Moss.

Col. JAMES ALFRED MOSS, of Washington, D. C. Judge Willett, Commander in Chief Inman, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, ladies, and gentlemen, I came from Washington, the Capital of the Nation, with the purpose of addressing that splendid, patriotic society, the Woman's Relief Corps, and also those other fine patriotic societies, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Union Veterans, and the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on the aims and purposes of the United States Flag Association, of which I have the honor of being director general. It was these patriotic societies who decorated me with these ribbons and medals that I am wearing to-night, and which I am proud to wear.

I come here this evening to express a spontaneous sentiment, which I am able to do through the graciousness of your chairman, Judge Willett, and the kindness of your commander in chief, Mr. Inman.

On the train between Washington and Des Moines I was reading the newspapers. I took up the Washington Post and I saw a headline that hit me between the eyes, as the saying goes; it struck me in the solar plexus. I got from the porter on the train, from George, a lead pencil, I might say it was an indelible one, and several telegraph blanks, and I wrote my reaction from this heading which I read in the newspapers, and upon reaching Des Moines I turned that manuscript over to a stenographer and I had it copied word for word. And I am going to read it to you because I want you to know just exactly what this spontaneous reaction was when I read this heading in the Washington Post [reading]:

While reading a newspaper on the train between Washington and Des Moines I ran across a press dispatch the heading of which struck me in the solar plexus, so to speak—it seemed to jar my whole being. It read, "G. A. R. to Disband." The article went on to say there were reports that the G. A. R. was going to disband because of thinning ranks.

For some reason or other I at once thought of the reply which Cambron, the commander of the Old Guard at the Battle of Waterloo made to the British officer who called upon him to surrender. It was during the eleventh hour of the battle, when it was evident Napoleon had lost the day. After each salvo of British artillery the four sides of the square of the Old Guard became smaller and the square contracted as its thinning ranks vanished. "Surrender, brave Frenchman!" said the British officer to the commander of the Old Guard, who, in stentorian tones replied, "The Old Guard dies, but never surrenders."

[Applause.]

I, a native of the State of Louisiana, a son of a Confederate veteran of Lee's Army, a graduate of West Point, a retired Army colonel, whose privilege it has been to follow the flying folds of Old Glory on the battle fields of three wars, speaking from the depths of my heart, would paraphrase thus the brave Frenchman's reply to the conquering British, "The Grand Army of the Republic vanishes, but never disbands." [Applause.]

No doubt many of you have heard the story about the Union veteran who, accompanied by his wife, one day passed a blind Confederate veteran on a sidewalk in New Orleans, wearing across his breast a placard reading, "Please help the blind." In addition to being blind, both of his arms and legs were

missing. The Union veteran dropped a \$20 bill into the blind man's cup, whereupon his wife said to him, "Henry, what extravagance! Why did you give him so much?" "Because," replied the Union veteran, "he is the first Johnny Rebel I have ever seen fixed up just to suit me." [Applause.]

Again, the majority of you have probably heard about the demure little southern girl who was visiting a northern school girl friend of hers. One day the mother of her northern friend said to her, "It's too bad that you people down South are not better educated; for many of you are very charming." "Yes, you are quite right," replied the meek southern girl, "You know I was 18 years old before I knew that a 'damn Yankee' was two words."

All of us, of course, are happy that stories such as these illustrate a feeling that is now dead and gone.

We of the South revere the dead and honor the living who wore the gray. In belief of the righteousness of the cause for which they fought they were fully as sincere as those who wore the blue. But the South of this generation realizes that the God who gave us Old Glory never intended that it should ever fly over human beings in bondage. [Applause.] We of the South of the present day are thankful that slavery was abolished and the Union preserved. And that is why, as a southerner, as the soldier son of a soldier of Lee's Army, I salute you Union heroes and say that it would be patriotically sacrilegious for the Grand Army of the Republic ever to disband. [Applause.] Perish the thought!

As a southerner who was born a poor boy instead of a rich one because Union soldiers in blue uniform destroyed his father's sugar houses and freed his slaves; as a southerner who later wore that same blue uniform for 30 years, including three wars, I feel I have as much right as any individual can have to speak the voice of the South in my generation, and this is what I do when I say:

"May the Grand Army of the Republic continue until the last solitary member, typifying the spirit of the legions in blue who saved the Union, vanishes into that realm where battle flags are furled and war drums throb no longer—such is the prayer of the South of to-day." [Applause.]

Now, I have read to you what I wrote on the train with that indelible lead pencil I spoke of between Washington and Des Moines. Judge Willett, I want only two minutes more, because I have something here, which I really think will interest you all, that I want to say to you. It is a wonderful experience I had this afternoon. No doubt the members of the Grand Army of the Republic will be interested to know how a parade of the Grand Army of the Republic impressed the son of a captain of Lee's Army.

As I stood in front of the Savery Hotel and witnessed this parade memory took me back to November 11, 1919, when I saw one of the greatest victory parades the world has ever witnessed. It was in France. I had a wonderful position near the Arc de Triomphe on the Champs Elysees, the arch of triumph which had been constructed by Napoleon; and as the great armies of a dozen or more nations—the British, the French, the Americans, the Italians, the Belgians, and all the others—walked past through the Arc de Triomphe, it was a wonderful sight. First came the French, Marechal Foch at the head. The band played the "Marseillaise" and "Madelon." Then came the British, Marshal French at their head. Their band played "God Save the King." And then came General Pershing with the American doughboys. By golly, that was a wonderful sight. It was an inspiring sight. They were in mass formation, and just in front of them was at least 100—100 or 200—battle flags, and I felt proud, I felt awfully proud that really I was an American, and as my blood coursed through my veins I felt a strange sensation in my spine. I was thrilled; I was absolutely thrilled. It was a wonderful sight.

But I want to say to you that it was not one-half as wonderful, I was not one-half as thrilled as I was this afternoon as I saw the thin and the vanishing ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic passing in review, and I realized that I was looking at men who had helped to save the Nation. Thank you, sir. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Just a moment. We have got a lot of good things for you. I understand that we may have the services, the song services of a quartette of ladies from Canton, Ohio, and we will listen to them for a couple of numbers. The ladies will come forward.

(The Betsy Ross Quartet, Tent No. 22, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Canton, Ohio, composed of Elizabeth Wenning Waterson, Laura Perdue Moorhead, Enid Liggett Myers, and Cora Killey Lambright, then sang "My Darling is Praying for You," "Tenting To-night on the Old Camp Ground," and "The Dear Old Boys in Blue." The several numbers were enthusiastically applauded by the audience.)

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Without any considerable preface other than to say that we will follow out this program as we now have it, the next speaker will be Comrade Samuel R. Van Sant, past commander in chief, born in Iowa and fostered by the State of Minnesota.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. I think I will tell a story on the start. When I was commander in chief, I visited every southern department. Every place I could, we had a joint camp fire. At the city of Birmingham we had an unusual event. At that camp fire, seated on the platform as here, were a lot of people, first a Johnnie and then a Yank. Johnnie and Yank, clear down the line, and we went through the speakers all the way down the line. It was one of those meetings where the people didn't want to leave. You have been at such meetings yourself. They asked us, some of the old boys, to come out of the audience in order to entertain the crowd, and up came a captain of the Grays. He was as tall as I am short. He made a little speech, the greatest speech I think I ever heard. It was really dramatic. The old flag must have tickled his ear—something called attention to it. Here was his speech: "Old flag, old flag, it is true I fought against you. It is true I shot at you. But if you ever have any trouble again I will fight as hard for you as I fought against you." [Applause.]

He told another story. A Johnnie and a Yank met in the morning. This happened a few years before the Volstead Act. They took a few toddies together, and along toward evening the old spirit returned, and they thought of the other days of war, and so on, and finally as a clincher the Yankee said to the Johnnie, "Well, we licked you anyway." "Yes," said the Confederate, "but by the number that are drawing pensions we crippled a good many of you." [Laughter.]

Now, I don't want to take much of your time. It is true I moved from Iowa up to Minnesota, one of the greatest States in the Union. I was born in this State—no; I was born over in Illinois, but I moved over here and I married in this State. My children were all born here. So I have lived in three States, great States—Lincoln's State, this, and Minnesota. It is a proud distinction to be a mem-

ber of these States, and when I look at you people in Iowa I think of the sentiment paid to the Iowa soldiers from dear old Gov. Sam Kirkwood. He said, "The valor of the Iowa soldiers on every great battle field of the war made it a proud distinction to be a citizen of Iowa." I have the same opinion of them to-day. It was a proud distinction to be a citizen of this great State, but greater than that, my friends, greater than to be a citizen of Illinois, of Minnesota, or Iowa, is to be a citizen of this great American Republic, saved by the valor of the Grand Army of the Republic.

One thought comes into my mind about getting old. There is not a man of the Grand Army of the Republic but what has lived the allotted time of the Bible, threescore years and ten. Most of them have lived more than that. In my case I have lived more than four score years. I am living on borrowed time. I want to say this to all of you: I am going to borrow all I can. [Laughter.] There is no rate of interest, and all you have to do to pay the principal is to die, and that comes in the nature of things. To be born is to die, but at my age I feel the love of my country. I feel as you all do, being members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as I have felt in all my life. At my age I suppose most men go away back and sit down. I absolutely refuse to do it. [Applause.]

Comrade Tanner, Comrade Pilcher, and I are on a committee in regard to disbanding the Grand Army of the Republic. I will have to tell you what a comrade said the other day, Comrade Tanner. He said, "With six candidates for commander in chief, with seven cities wanting the next encampment, and two of them from Canada, and with 5,000 soldiers here in this city on Sunday night, who would want to see the Grand Army disband?" There is no danger of it at all. The Grand Army of the Republic has done the greatest work ever done by any body of men. It will live and, live many years yet. I am going to say, in conclusion, that I hope its last days may be its best days, that these old men will live long in the land their valor saved. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. The next speaker on the program is the philosopher of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Lewis S. Pilcher, past commander in chief. He has a message for you.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. Mr. Chairman, and comrades all, you have heard that a committee had been appointed for a certain purpose. Two members of that committee have already reported to you to-night. Shall the philosopher of the Grand Army of the Republic be debarred the privilege of also making his report? No.

You have heard that the old guard dies but never surrenders. True, it drew forth the applause from every heart here. Are we different, this committee of yours? Have we any different hearts from our comrades who are before us? I don't think so.

What is this committee for? To disband the Grand Army? Farthest from it. Our duty is to borrow some more time; our duty is to perpetuate the Grand Army of the Republic [applause], and there is not one suggestion of a thought or a dream of any such thing as disbanding the Grand Army of the Republic in the heart of any comrade of that army.

So enough for that. The committee has made its report, as far as the most important part of it is concerned. If there is any more to come, you will hear in due time.

I wish that each of you might have the privilege that I now enjoy, looking upon this vast concourse and appreciating the feeling which comes over a tender and sympathetic heart as he looks upon this sea of veteran heads. Language must fail to do it justice. My eloquent friend, the Confederate officer's son, has told you of his feeling as he saw you passing this afternoon. That same feeling again and again has filled my own heart as I have looked over these assemblages of my comrades, and seen the evidences of time which were displayed upon their foreheads, and remembered what it was that they were doing when these gray heads were covered by the dark hair and those weakened limbs were strong with the strength of youth. But such a vision, as one by one the faltering squads pass along the streets, is nothing as compared with this wonderful panorama of age, of patriotic experience, of effort, of endeavor, of victory, which is spread out before our eyes as we stand here and look down upon you.

When Napoleon at the foot of the great Cheops addressed his army in Egypt it was with the words, "Six thousand years look down upon you." As I sat here and looked upon you those words came to my mind, and I thought how many years are presented to-night. There are, perhaps, 3,000 in this audience. I venture to say that it will average 60 years of age for each, and that gives me a total of 180,000 years presented here. That is, 180,000 years of patriotic service are concentrated in this audience which has gathered here to-night.

Now, have I a message for that audience? The proudest thing which a human being could say 2,000 years ago was, "I am a Roman citizen." What is the proudest thing which a human being can say to-day? "I am an American citizen." And behind that are those 180,000 winters which you represent. "I am an American citizen."

There were two men sitting in a restaurant in southern France. A third joined them. The wine glasses clinked. Said the first man, "Where are you from?" Responded the second, "I am from Georgia." Responded the third, "I am from America."

Our thought, our message, our burden for all these years has been, "One country—no North, no South, no sectionalism—one country." The Grand Army of the North? No. Of the East? No. Of the West? No. The Grand Army of the Republic. That is what we stand for. [Applause.] Our country.

I had a message. Time will not permit that it can be given to you in full; but the title of that message was, not the privileges of citizenship, not the glories of citizenship, but "the duties of citizenship." I will not develop it, although what more threatening and outstanding fact can there be that in this great Republic which we claim to be the most enlightened, the most powerful Government upon the earth, of which every citizen is a monarch, that of these monarchs in our last election hardly 50 per cent took the trouble to go to the ballot box and cast their ballots. Mexico did as well. The Republics of South America do as well. Is there not a thought which we can carry away as to the duties of citizenship?

But I will not dwell upon it. There is one thing—with which I must close. There are dangers to the Republic seen and unseen, ever present, for which preparation must ever be made. I have a summer home in the lake country among the hills of northern New Jersey. For nearly 50 years I have gathered with my family during the summer evenings upon the porch of that house, while often electric disturbances and thunder showers about us have been most striking and terrific. No harm has ever touched us. Across the lake and over the hill a few miles away during all of this time, for a half century or more, has been one of the great arsenals of our country. These same storms, these same lightnings that have played about my home have during these 75 and more years played over that arsenal.

A few weeks ago as I sat upon the porch one of our electric storms had been given to us. It had passed on to the eastward. In place of the clouds a rainbow was tinting the sky. Far beyond still the play of the lightning's flash could be seen in the eastern sky, when suddenly a roar different from any we had ever heard before in its quality and tone, entirely different from that of the thunder, burst upon our ears, and there followed clouds of black smoke and then flames, and then for hour after hour during the night new detonations, new explosions, until with the morning's light over 50 millions of ammunition had been destroyed, 25 lives had been lost, although for 75 years the same lightning had played, no harm had happened. It had never struck anything there, but the lightning finally did strike. Now let's in our present time of security not think that danger to the State has passed, that the lightning will never strike, but as has already been intimated by a previous speaker, the same things which have occurred in the past will occur in the future. As long as mankind is mankind, as men are born of women and grow to manhood and have all the passions and prejudices which distinguish humanity, the same things will happen and our sons should be prepared. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Now, if the audience please, we will not detain you but a short time. The distinguished speaker that I am about to call upon lives here in the city of Des Moines, is an able minister of state-wide reputation, and he will close with a few remarks and a benediction. I will call on Reverend Medbury, of the city of Des Moines.

Rev. CHARLES S. MEDBURY, pastor of the University Church of Christ, Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commander in Chief, and my friends, it is time for us to be adjourning this wonderful meeting, and I shall detain you but a moment. I am only here, anyway, because I agreed one day with a very, very dear friend, Doctor Chase, that if anybody on his program did not happen to come, or by sickness or other reason was prevented from taking part, I would try to fill in and tide over where he might be in some difficulty; and I am not down for an address at all, except just as a pinch hitter, trying to help out a little if I could.

This evening I am just here for that purpose, and if I may be permitted to say it, just as you are closing the evening, that Des Moines is wonderfully happy, wonderfully happy in having had you within her gates again. When people have talked about disbanding

the Grand Army of the Republic, Des Moines people have been saying, "Why, that must not be at all. The Grand Army must come back here at least half a dozen times yet before it retires."

I had the joy of being with a group of four of the veterans this afternoon driving through the streets. It was an impressive tribute that was paid to you, made us proud that the city would pay such a tribute, but made us prouder of you who so richly deserved the honors that were borne to you this afternoon. I am happy that our boys and girls, our young men and our young women, and all of us of older years, could see you again within the streets.

We want you, as long as strength at all is given, to be teaching the lessons that you alone can teach along the lines of a great civic obligation. May the blessings of country be upon you when you leave our city, may eternal blessings be given you as you return home, and may a new sweet year to you individually and as an organization be the reward of your prayers and the reward of your services of the past.

Shall we stand together in a word of benediction?

Our loving Father, we are grateful for men of every age who have met the obligations of a great citizenship. We are grateful for the men of the Army, the Grand Army of the Republic, for that that they did in their day. We are grateful for the example that has come down from them, that thrilled our men in the days of the World War period, and moved them with tremendous impulses of patriotism. We are grateful for influences that abide in the Nation and that will perpetuate themselves in mighty achievements of peace and good will within the Nation's life.

We are grateful, our Father, for a spirit that is noble and exalted within our citizenship, that in every expression of our lives on fields of battle, as in the past, or in great civic obligations, shall reveal American manhood as coming to the fullness of the stature, the real manhood as God would have men come to that.

And now, Father, from the evening's services, with all the thrill of it and all the move of it and all the inspiration of it, we beg Thee to dismiss us with Thy favor. And now we ask that some way during all the days and all the years that these men shall live, that they shall be conscious within their heart of hearts of the depth of gratitude, not only of men of their own years but of those of us of younger years, and of the depth of gratitude that comes welling up even from the little children of a Nation for their services rendered in a day of national peril.

The blessings of God be upon this body. The boons of good attend them in all their plans and all their work. Dismiss us with Thy favor now, in the name of Christ our Lord.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. You are now dismissed (10.14 p. m.).

THE GRAND PARADE

The following accounts of the parade held Wednesday afternoon, September 22, 1926, are taken from the Associated Press, the Des Moines Evening Tribune of that date, and from the National Tribune of September 30, 1926:

[By the Associated Press]

2,000 VETS OF '61 MARCH THROUGH DRIZZLING RAIN

DES MOINES, IOWA, September 22.—Over flowers strewn by children up the long hill that led to their commander in chief, members of the Grand Army of the Republic marched with faltering steps to-day. Not a veteran dropped from line until he had reached the summit and saluted his leader.

Through a drizzling rain for more than two hours the column of 2,000 veterans crept past the reviewing stand containing Capt. John B. Inman and his general staff at the foot of the State capitol. Guns boomed and the Stars and Stripes floated on parachutes across the city as the procession, headed by 700 troops from Fort Des Moines, crossed the river at the foot of the hill.

Half a dozen bands, fife and drum corps from posts all over the country, and a mounted band from the Cavalry regiment at the fort thrilled the great crowds.

Although Commander in Chief Inman was reluctant to let the older men expose themselves in the rain, he said that he felt that perhaps they suffered less than if the day had been extremely warm.

SONS IN PARADE, TOO

A great section of the long parade was composed of auxiliary and allied organizations attending the sixtieth encampment. The Sons of Veterans, some of them appearing as old as the veterans, took a prominent part, as did the Regular Army troops, cavalry, infantry, and field artillery from the fort, the Iowa National Guard and marines and sailors.

[Evening Tribune]

RAIN HAS NO TERROR FOR GRAND ARMY

It seemed a victory, that parade.

There had been obstacles that perplexed officials and sent them into hurried conferences. The largest problem was the weather.

But they had promised Des Moines that they would parade. They made good on that promise although one delay was necessary when the rain poured discouragement this morning.

GUNS GIVE SIGNAL

The guns hidden somewhere out of sight of the thousands of spectators gave a symbolic signal for the start of the procession. Symbolic because there had been similar signals given 60 years ago that sent that same procession forward.

A blind man could have told when the first detachment of the veterans passed. There were shouts and hand-clapping and a thousand other signs of the respect that the citizens wished to express.

B. C. Bryner, of Peoria, was in that first detachment. He enlisted when he was 15. He was one of the youngest in the group of wrinkled warriors that had come to the encampment from Illinois, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania.

There were many impressions to be gained as one watched slender lines of men who had seen Sherman and Grant and Lincoln.

VETS FROM EAST

Veterans from the East—R. Ledwick of Essex County, N. Y., who campaigned on the Red River, at Mobile and Fort Blakely.

Veterans from the West—a California veteran, H. C. Veatch, of Sacramento Valley, who was on Sherman's march to the sea. He boasted of being the biggest chicken thief in the Army.

Veterans from Minnesota, Iowa, Maine, California, Nebraska, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Ohio, Missouri, Arkansas, Nevada, and a dozen other States.

JONATHAN EDWARDS'S GRANDSON

One of them, a tall man with white hair and mustache, bore himself with the air of one who is proud of good New England blood. He is a great great grandson of Jonathan Edwards and bears the same name, but the westward trend brought him to Nebraska.

At the head of the Chicago delegation was George T. Shumunok of Camp 6, Sons of Veterans. He bore the standard under which his father fought. Behind him were a score of others who are present to perpetuate the traditions of their warrior forbears.

Kinsman and Crocker posts of Des Moines were represented. Nathan Williams, commander of Crocker post, was in the parade. Frank Dagle, active at every encampment, was another Iowan in the procession.

The Army of the Potomac, shrunk to a handful, marched again although its members were allotted to various divisions. One of the members was Albert T. Barr, department commander of the New Hampshire organization.

[National Tribune]

THE SIXTIETH ENCAMPMENT

LOYAL, GENEROUS DES MOINES, THE GEM CITY OF THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI

Did you go to the sixtieth national encampment at Des Moines? If you did not, you missed one of the great events of your life.

There was nothing dead or dying about the men who attended the sixtieth national encampment, and the old-time war spirit found sympathy in the wonderful, deep-rooted Americanism and appreciation of the people of Des Moines. In the first place, every citizen—man, woman, and child—seemed exceedingly glad to have the veterans in their city, anxious to do the city's kindly hospitable work and feeling regretful when they could find nothing more to do. Des Moines has only 150,000 people, but there was patriotism and appreciation enough for a great metropolis.

It is the same way with the children. The only explanation seemed to be that Des Moines must have borrowed a million children from Chicago or New York to swell the crowd of boys and girls of all ages that lined our parade. They stood there bareheaded in the drizzling rain to applaud the veterans and the Old Flag.

ADVANCE ON THE HILL

One of the striking incidents of the parade was that the reviewing stand was on the top of a long hill and a drizzling rain fell continually as the blue-clad hosts who marched on foot swung out their glorious flags at the base of the hill and stepped determinedly into line to ascend the hill. It could not help reminding the onlookers of the other days when the soldiers grasped their muskets more firmly and formed in solid lines for a charge on the batteries at the top of the hill. It did so affect the onlookers and they shouted out their appreciation of the spectacle.

A FITTING SETTING PLACE

No finer background for this display of old-time patriotism can be found than Des Moines. There has been much talk about gem cities, but Des Moines can have few, if any, rivals for the crown. She has 54 square miles within her

city limits, which, we think, exceeds the size of Chicago or Philadelphia. Within these 54 square miles are fine, comfortable residences with beautiful grounds, showing that they are not for exhibition, but simply homes for men and women to live in and raise their children. The grounds, which one saw everywhere, were well kept, abundant in shrubbery and other adornment. Few of the residential sections of big cities can possibly equal the general beauty and commodiousness of the grounds which one finds all around the city of Des Moines.

The broad, clear waters of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, which unite there, form a landscape to which it seems impossible to add anything of beauty.

THE SPECTATORS

In spite of the rain that drizzled all day, 4,000 comrades decided to make the long march of a mile and a quarter, much of it uphill, and they formed ranks with Old Glory flying in triumph at the head of each department. They trudged along bravely and determinedly in the sight of the applauding crowds.

On the line of march the sidewalks were crowded so densely from store front to curbstone that it seemed hard to believe that there were only 150,000 people in Des Moines.

THE REGULAR ARMY

The Regular Army made a gallant assistance to the parade, with all arms of the service out in spic-and-span uniforms; with the cavalry horses as showy as their loving riders could make them; with the artillerymen sitting gloomily on the limbers, with their arms folded in the accustomed non-chalance; and the infantry moving quietly and steadily, but with resolute force. Even the ambulances and the baggage wagons, with their long-eared, patient motive power, added to the interest of the occasion.

The parade was highly satisfactory to every spectator, and it was spoken of as a marvelous object lesson in patriotism to the children. The persistent rain had proved such a detriment that the commander in chief at first postponed the parade an hour, until 1.30, in hopes that the clouds would break away, but the downpour could not dampen either the desires of the spectators to see the parade nor that of the veterans to march in it.

Also the following account of the parade appeared in the column "A woman's views of the news," by Priscilla Wayne, in the Des Moines Evening Tribune of September 23, 1926:

What a parade! What a parade!

All along the street they said it, those thousands who had come to see the Grand Army of the Republic march with triumphant, though feeble, steps up the broad expanse of Locust Street, through lanes of waving flags to the very steps of the great statehouse of Iowa.

It was the grandest parade Des Moines has ever seen! It was the grandest parade Des Moines will ever see!

The booming guns signaled the start of the great parade!

First came long columns of khaki-clad soldiers, men on horseback, bands, soldiers marching, horse-drawn ambulances, mule-drawn equipment wagons.

Des Moines sighed, shifted on weary feet, and waited. It was all very well to see to-day's soldiers parade, and we enjoyed them, but Des Moines had come to pay homage to the soldiers of yesterday!

At last they came.

A stately gray-haired man on horseback, riding as proudly as he rode, no doubt, 60 and more years ago, an escort on either side, led them all.

And then came the marching units of the Grand Army of the Republic. Erect old men, swinging into line with all the stateliness, all the military bearing with which as boys they swung into line back in the days of '61.

And they carried the colors. How they carried the colors. Somehow it seemed to us that even so had they carried Old Glory through blood and grime and death—to victory those many years ago!

Illinois had a wonderful contingent. Over 100 marching comrades, the post commander stepping proudly at the head of each line.

The State of Illinois sent over a quarter of million men into the great conflict of brothers, and as the few hundred marchers stepped into line yesterday perhaps they felt that, marching with them, came all these comrades.

Riding in an automobile was an old violinist. Above the cheers of the thousands who lined the streets along the line of march we could not hear the tune he played, but from the rapt look upon his face it seemed to us that he must be playing "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"!

In line came a scattering group of six or seven. We could not see their State banner, but a snowy-haired comrade carried the flag, and marching proudly by his side a young man—perhaps his grandson—ready to help. But the young man's help was not needed. Grandfather carried the flag, erect, even jauntily.

Here and there marched a comrade with an empty sleeve. That arm perhaps had been left on the battle field of Gettysburg. But the comrade had never regretted. He had been a part of history in the making. He had helped hand down, untarnished, to the school children who watched him now, with reverent eyes, the heritage of a proud homeland.

In an automobile came riding three veterans of the Twenty-third Iowa Infantry. These men were mustered into the service of Uncle Sam in Des Moines September 19, 1862. They were heroes of the siege of Vicksburg and they lost a total of almost 300 men on the field of battle.

A handsome group of silver-haired men sang "Darling We Are Growing Old," as they marched along. Few caught the pathos of it—many caught the beauty.

About 40 Massachusetts men swung into line of twos. They wore white trousers, blue coats with brass buttons, and the broad betasseled campaign hat. We have never witnessed a grander, more stirring sight! Certainly that contingent would hustle the regulars for handsome military bearing.

Missouri's marching troops were superb. Missouri contributed over 100,000 men to the Civil War and lost almost a fourth of them. More than 40 marched yesterday.

Wisconsin was represented by over 50 men in the line of march. Most of these men were at Gettysburg, and many of them who marched yesterday marched with Sherman in his historic march to the sea.

New Jersey veterans in blue with campaign caps, many of them carrying arms of '61, marched together. Over 40 G. A. R. men were in line from that contingent alone.

Through the rain they marched, hundreds and hundreds of them, and hundreds and hundreds more, too feeble now to march, were carried in proud cars.

People who watched laughed and cried at the sight.

On every hand folks who had waited hours in the drizzle for the great sight were saying: "It is the grandest parade Des Moines has ever seen, it is worth coming miles to see."

All along the line folks applauded and cheered. Little school children massed together, thrust flowers into the hands of their heroes.

Des Moines was witnessing a pageant of patriotism such as it had never seen before! And Des Moines will never forget it.

It was a benediction!

[Des Moines (Iowa) Register, September 23, 1926]

BOYS IN BLUE PARADE MILE DESPITE RAIN—4,000 VETERANS DEFY WEATHER CHEERED ON BY CROWD

By Harlan S. Miller

The last living ambassadors of the 2,800,000 men who saved the Union marched a mile yesterday, 4,000 strong, in the sixtieth parade of the Grand Army of the Republic. Burdened by their weight of four-score years, defying the perils of rain and wet streets to fragile health, they marched sturdily without a straggler, while 25,000 cheered them thunderously.

With incredible gallantry and grit the octogenarians formed their column in the rain, marched through a drizzle, trudged determinedly on a wet street, and up a steep hill, saluted their commander in chief, and broke ranks, to gamble with time and fate for another opportunity to march.

PARADED FOR HOUR

Marching at a reduced cadence, the 4,000 veterans, half of them afoot and the other half in 1,000 automobiles, covered the 2,000 yards in slightly less than an hour.

Precautions had been made for medical attention should any one collapse under the rigor of the march in inclement weather, but no one's strength faltered in his yearly hour of exaltation.

Up the hill they came, a platoon of vigorous, well-preserved veterans, most of them from Illinois, senior of the Grand Army of the Republic commanderies. Several squads of them carried rifles, with asters and zenias stuck in the barrels, and boquets pinned on their tunics. Small school girls had showered them with flowers as they marched across the Locust Street Bridge.

SOME STILL HALE

A few of the men are still hale and hearty, marvels of physical preservation; but most of them were gambling with pneumonia as they assembled in a drizzle after lunch. The young, hardier men of the militia, Regular Army, reserves, and the civilians who marched as escorts stood at their rendezvous for three hours without batting an eye.

Perhaps every tenth veteran looked too feeble for the ordeal, and many of them were attended by a woman or a young man who hovered near by and braced them for the final quarter mile of the uphill tramp past the reviewers.

As they passed the reviewers in the cannopied stand hundreds who had been making the grade on sheer nerve, who had grown more and more tired as they marched, straightened up instinctively into a faint likeness of the men with ramrod backs who marched off to the wars.

At the head of the column rode Gen. John B. Inman, the commander in chief, and his staff. When the line reached East Sixth Street it paused and the commander and his aids swept up the hill and climbed into the reviewing stand.

Behind them came the horsemen of the Fourteenth Cavalry, led by Colonel Lindsey, commandant at Fort Des Moines, followed by a detachment of the Ninth Field Artillery, a machine-gun unit, and a medical detachment.

VETERANS FROM OREGON

Next came a sturdy dozen from Oregon, a wilderness when they fought, and whither they went as pioneers, demobilized soldiers looking for land. Then the Kentuckians, traditionally more southern than northern, and a tall Alaskan gold prospector, a rose braided in his ribbon-bound long hair, marching with his comrade neighbors from the State of Washington; and ahead of them a few blocks the men of the Potomac Department, who fought for the Union but are deprived of the vote in the District of Columbia.

ALL NATION REPRESENTED

On came Pennsylvania, whose men had fought to save their State from invasion; Ohio, New York, the New Englanders from Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire; easterners from New Jersey and westerners from California and Nevada, marching well together.

Many of the detachments were pathetically small; only five marched from West Virginia, only four from New Jersey. But they marched as gallantly as the larger groups from Michigan, Missouri, and Indiana, a hundred strong.

Here came scanty but spirited groups from disputed territory—Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina; and here was Nebraska, a well-filled company roster, with a tall, powerful veteran wearing his hair a la Buffalo Bill.

And then Colorado and Wyoming, with an irrepressible marcher of 88 jiggling along, waving a red rose, and entreating his comrades to dance, too. Behind them Kansas and Minnesota, men cast in a similar mold, tillers of the soil,

growers of wheat, the Kansans with cloth sunflowers pinned on their coats. And here a little group from Delaware, looking like the "boys of '76" without the Continental uniform.

These old men symbolized the truest melting pot—the powerful leveler, time—who had made them all more alike and more unified than any younger men could be. They were, too, of the more uniform, earlier American stock, survivors of the days before the European multitudes had begun to emigrate here in large numbers.

Marching together advanced a solid block of westerners from South Dakota, Arkansas, Utah, New Mexico, and then another detachment from disputed soil of the war and from the South—Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama.

A SOLEMN MARCH

There was little of the comedy and horseplay in this column that enlivened the Spanish War Veterans' parade six weeks ago. A veteran from Iowa waving aloft a much-decorated hen; a fifer with a robin perched on his fife; a gritty score of women in comic-opera uniforms accompanying with music their heroes.

And more westerners, from Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Iowa, surrounding, incongruously enough, a handful of naval veterans, with the ocean roll long vanished from their gait.

These were afoot. Behind them, in a throbbing double column of 1,000 automobiles, which none of them knew as young men, came 2,000 disabled.

A gay taunt to misfortune was flung by a veteran in one of the cars. He had hung his wooden leg like a figurehead at the front of his automobile, and, lounging down in his seat, thrust his stump leg out the window.

These were the Grand Army of the Republic marchers, the youths of '61, treading the paths of glory on the downhill side, while the younger veterans looked on thoughtfully.

OTHER GREETINGS AND SIDE LIGHTS ALONG THE WAY

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington.

To All Disabled Ex-service Men:

At this holiday season, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I wish to extend to you best wishes for Christmas cheer and a full measure of happiness in the coming year.

The heart of America will always beat the faster whenever the Nation thinks of the sacrifices made by its veterans who fought to uphold its ideals.

To those who, as a result of their devotion to their country, are fighting in hospitals for restoration to health and for rehabilitation, I would say a special word of encouragement. Their bravery and fortitude now is no less than that shown on the field of battle.

This Government will not forget those who are disabled. It will afford the largest measure of relief possible to restore them to health and happiness.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., December 21, 1925.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: In behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am thanking you for your words of greeting and good cheer.

We believe that full justice will be given these "Old History Makers" who preserved the Union and made all else possible.

With great respect, I am,
Very sincerely yours,

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., August 21, 1926.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Referring to my personal invitation while at the White House recently.

Will you kindly advise me what your intentions may be in regard to attending the Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Des Moines, Iowa, which convenes September 19 to 25, 1926?

Hoping that you may see your way clear to make such visitation, I am, with great respect,

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

PAUL SMITHS, N. Y.,
August 24, 1926.

MY DEAR MR. INMAN: Your letter of August 21, making inquiry as to whether the President expects to attend the Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Des Moines, Iowa, September 19 to 25, has been received. In reply the President requests me to say that while it would

be a pleasure for him to attend the encampment, his duties incident to his return to Washington after his summer vacation will prevent him from doing so.

Sincerely yours,

E. T. CLARK,

Acting Secretary to the President.

Mr. JOHN B. INMAN,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Capitol Building, Springfield, Ill.*

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
Cleveland, Ohio, July 28, 1926.

Comrade JOHN B. INMAN,

*Grand Army of the Republic,
National Headquarters, Springfield, Ill.*

MY DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: The Twenty-eighth National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, will be held August 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, at Des Moines, Iowa.

The commander in chief directed me to extend you a cordial invitation to be present at our encampment. If it is impossible for you to be there personally, we would be glad to have you send a personal representative to represent the Grand Army of the Republic.

As you know, Commander in Chief Thompson is in the Philippines as the personal representative of the President of the United States, and will not be at our national encampment, which will be presided over by the senior vice commander in chief.

You may be sure the commander in chief deeply appreciates the cooperation that has been given him by the Grand Army of the Republic.

With personal best wishes, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

RALPH H. CARROLL,
Adjutant General.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., July 30, 1926.

Comrade RALPH H. CARROLL,

*Adjutant General United Spanish War Veterans,
Leader Building, Cleveland, Ohio.*

DEAR COMRADE CARROLL: Your letter of July 28 received, and while it will be impossible for me to be in attendance on the morning of August 16 at the Coliseum, I have detailed my assistant adjutant general, Comrade Rufus L. Chase, Des Moines, Iowa, to represent me and convey the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I hope you have a pleasurable and profitable encampment.

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic.

DES MOINES, IOWA, August 18, 1926.

Comrade JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic, Springfield, Ill.:

We express to you the hearty good wishes and love of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment United Spanish War Veterans and wish for you and your organization all happiness and honor in the evening of life.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
RICE W. MEANS,
Commander in Chief.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., August 19, 1926.

Comrade RICE W. MEANS,

Commander in Chief United Spanish War Veterans,

Des Moines, Iowa:

Your fine message received, and I am grateful for the splendid sentiment contained therein. The Grand Army of the Republic has become a part of the history of this Nation and shall go down with colors flying. May every good thing come to the United Spanish War Veterans, to which I also belong.

JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic.

UNITED STATES SENATE,

August 24, 1926.

MY DEAR COMRADE INMAN: Words fail me when I try to answer your telegram of August 19 congratulating me upon my election to that high office of commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans.

When those two wonderful organizations, the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Spanish War Veterans, go down it will be with flying colors. The Grand Army of the Republic has played a big and wonderful part in the history of our glorious Nation. I am sincerely hoping and shall do all within my power to bring it about that the United Spanish War Veterans, when taps are sounded, can look back upon as clean and fine a record.

Thanking you again for your kind message, and trusting that I may have the pleasure of seeing you there on my trip east, or later in Washington, I am

Yours in comradeship.

RICE W. MEANS.

Mr. JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,

Springfield, Ill.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., July 30, 1926.

Comrade JOHN V. CLINNIN,

National Commander, Disabled American Veterans,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: Your letter of July 27 received, and I hasten to inform you that it is one of the most pleasurable acts of my administration to indorse freely and fully "Argonne Day" September 25 this and every other year.

Nothing at the hands of this Republic can be too good to confer upon the four and a half millions of America's splendid young manhood, many of whom not so long ago returned from over the seas shell-shocked and glory-crowned.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely and fraternally yours.

JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF THE WORLD WAR.

Cincinnati, Ohio, August 3, 1926.

JOHN B. INMAN,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,

Springfield, Ill

DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: I wish to thank you very kindly in the name of the great organization I represent as commander, for your indorsement of our Forget Me Not Appeal which will be held "Argonne Day" September 25.

I assure you that the indorsement of our campaign for funds by your good self as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic will go a long way to insure us of the success of our appeal.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially and sincerely,

JOHN V. CLINNIN,

National Commander.

Official:

VIVIAN D. CORBLY,

National Adjutant.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSION,
Washington, September 7, 1926.

HON. JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Capitol Building, Springfield, Ill.

MY DEAR COMRADE INMAN: I have your kind invitation to be present at the 60th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Des Moines, Iowa, September 19 to 25, for which I thank you.

Following the custom heretofore adopted by the bureau I have detailed three clerks from the bureau who will be on hand to answer such inquiries as the comrades may wish to propound.

With kindest personal regards, I am,
Very truly yours,

WINFIELD SCOTT,
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS,
Des Moines, Iowa, September 25, 1926.

MR. JOHN B. INMAN,
Past Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Springfield, Ill.

DEAR MR. INMAN: Permit me to congratulate you on the well-conducted meeting of your Grand Army of the Republic, which has just closed. Your speeches were especially appropriate for each occasion and always impressive.

I certainly hope and trust that you will suffer no ill effects from this great demand on your strength. Serving as commander in chief for the Grand Army of the Republic is one of the greatest honors ever conferred on any man. You assume and carry out these duties splendidly—in a way that can give you personal pride and have a wonderful heritage for your decedents.

With cordial personal and official good wishes, I am,
Yours sincerely,

FRED H. HUNTER, *Mayor.*

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., September 29, 1926.

HON. FRED H. HUNTER,
Mayor Des Moines, Iowa.

DEAR MR. HUNTER: Your letter of September 25 received and I am thanking you for the many kind words contained therein.

It certainly was one of the most fraternal encampments that I ever attended. and the hospitality of the great convention city of Des Moines unsurpassable.

The Regular Army feature pleased the old boys of '61 and '65 immensely, and, in fact, every detail of the parade was carried out like clockwork.

The Boy and Girl Scouts; those men and women of the to-morrow; the thousands of joyous and happy school children with their flowers and song. completed a picture that long shall linger.

It will interest you to know that the voting encampment was the largest in many years, being almost 800.

Again thanking you for your kindness and goodness at every stage of the proceedings. and with kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN B. INMAN,
Past Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MEETING OF THE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS AS GUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, AMERICAN LEGION, AT SPRINGFIELD, SEPTEMBER 13, 1926—A PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

At the tomb Commander in Chief Inman spoke as follows:

Commander in Chief Vance, standing within the stilled presence of Abraham Lincoln, I am glad to meet and greet you, and it appears to me that we may meet here upon common grounds, for if the service of the American Legion meant anything it meant a full and complete unification of patriotic purpose with no North, no South, one country, one language, one flag! And as we shall go from this sacred spot let us all take with us into our daily lives renewed inspiration which shall mean added love for an undivided Nation.

Commander in Chief Vance made reply that he was glad to bring tidings of good will from his comrades of the South to the survivors of the Union Army of the North.

[Extract from Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Convention of the American Legion, Department of Illinois, Springfield, Ill., September 13, 14, 1926]

On Monday this convention witnessed a ceremony never before seen in this country. It saw the commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and the commander of the United Confederate Veterans clasp hands in friendly greeting as guests of this department in the city in which Abraham Lincoln lived and lies buried. It saw them lay a wreath at the tomb of that great man.

We believe that the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Confederate Veterans, and the American Legion are to be congratulated upon this historic meeting of these men. The impression left by it will be lasting and nationwide, a symbol of a united Nation.

We believe that the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans should know that the American Legion of Illinois believes that their representatives participated in a truly great event. We believe that this resolution should be suitably engrossed and copies given to the commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and the commander of the United Confederate Veterans.

FLOYD J. HECKEL, *Department Adjutant.*

[Editorial. Illinois State Register. September 13, 1926]

TRIBUTE TO THE LEGION

Much has been said and much has been written in tribute to the American Legion and its auxiliary bodies whose organizations are founded upon a high idealism. But no greater tribute to the Legion can be paid than that to-day at the tomb of Lincoln. It can not be told in words. It is the presence there of Civil War veterans, of Spanish-American War veterans, of World War veterans—men of the North, of the South, of the East, of the West—standing at the tomb of Lincoln under one flag with divisional lines forgotten and all hearts beating in harmony a patriotic symphony in tribute to the Legion. In the center of the picture stands Capt. J. B. Inman, of Springfield, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Clasp hands with

him are Gen. M. D. Vance, of Little Rock, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, and Hon. Scott W. Lucas, of Havana, department commander of the Legion. The group surrounding them is an inspiration.

If Lincoln could rise to-day he too would find inspiration in this scene and in tribute to the Legion would probably say: "This is the realization of my dream."

A tribute to the American Legion indeed.

[Editorial, Illinois State Journal, September 14, 1926]

GENERAL VANCE

Not the least enjoyable or picturesque feature on the American Legion program was Gen. M. D. Vance, of Little Rock, Ark., commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans. The aged soldier made a fine impression with his jovial manner, his adaptable personality, his ready wit, and his thorough-going loyalty. It was a great pleasure for Springfield to entertain him. We wish there had been fewer distractions that we might have given him our whole time and attention. General Vance seemed at home just the same and doubtless carries away many joyful memories, just as we retain the happy recollection of his visit to the home of Lincoln.

The interchange of amenities between Capt. J. B. Inman, of this city, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and General Vance, national commander of the United Confederate Veterans, was of more than local significance.

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"ONE COUNTRY; ONE FLAG"

History has been made by the Legion convention which adjourned to-day after most colorful and interesting sessions and ceremony. Its bringing together of Civil War veterans, Spanish-American War veterans, and World War veterans made it a most remarkable gathering, climaxed by the dramatic meeting of Capt. J. B. Inman, Springfield, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; Gen. M. D. Vance, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, and Hon. Scott W. Lucas, commander of the American Legion for the Department of Illinois. When those three clasped hands last night before the Rotary and Optimist Clubs and joined in saying: "We are for one country, one flag, and one language," a dramatic situation was presented which gave the great audience of business and professional men present a thrill they will never forget. It was America at its best.

That expresses the ideal which, according to the able and eloquent Commander Lucas, is fundamental to the organization of the Legion—"One country; one flag; one language."

Every reader should find inspiration in this picture and its American idealism. It has made history.

[Chicago Tribune dispatch, September 14, 1926]

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., *September 13.*

A dramatic parade of Illinois legionaries through the streets of Springfield this afternoon had a solemn and impressive climax at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln. Commander John B. Inman, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Gen. M. D. Vance, commander of the Confederate Veterans, surrounded by younger soldiers, placed a wreath on the tomb, in token of the reunited country's undivided respect for its Civil War President.

Representatives of the veteran organizations of the Spanish War and the World War, together with representatives of their auxiliary organizations, took part in the ceremony. There were speeches by Legion Commander Scott Lucas, Attorney General Oscar Carlstrom, Howard C. Knotts, Charles G. Essig, Mrs. Madge Dargan, and William P. Boynton.

5,000 IN PARADE

Some 5,000 marched, representing legion posts from every district in Illinois, were in the parade. There were numerous bands, and drum and bugle corps, and preceding the marchers the colors of the division were massed and carried in imposing array, escorted by guardsmen.

INMAN MAKES ADDRESS

The entire morning session of the convention was given up to addresses. Appearance of commanders, Capt. John B. Inman, of the Grand Army, and Gen. M. D. Vance, of the United Confederate Veterans was the occasion for an enthusiastic demonstration in the State arsenal.

"I am extending greetings from December to May," was the keynote of Commander Inman's address.

"The Civil War is over and there is but one flag now," said General Vance, saluting the colors.

Acting Mayor J. Em'l Smith welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city and Gov. Len Small extended the greetings of the State. Responses were delivered by Howard P. Savige, department commander last year, and Past National Commander Milton J. Foreman, of Chicago. Mrs. Madge C. Dargan, department president of the auxiliary; William P. Boynton, chef de gare of the Forty and Eight; John Clinnin, commander of the disabled veterans; Commander Charles G. Essig, of the United Spanish War Veterans; State Commander Carter Smith, of the disabled veterans; General Ginanven, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and others spoke.

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ONCE ENEMIES IN CIVIL WAR, MEET AT TOMB—CAPTAIN INMAN AND GENERAL VANCE
PLACE WREATHS ON TOMB OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Sixty-one years ago members of hostile military factions—to-day, warm personal friends.

Gen. M. D. Vance, Little Rock, Ark., national commander of the United Confederate Veterans, and Capt. John B. Inman, Springfield, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, demonstrated this fact when they clasped hands this afternoon at the tomb of the immortal Lincoln.

The official meeting of the two veterans of the Civil War was the big feature of the program presented at the tomb this afternoon, arranged under the direction of Howard C. Knotts, chairman of the tomb observance committee.

The memorial service was held following the arrival of the parade at the cemetery.

It was opened with the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the massed bands of the parade, after which State Commander Scott W. Lucas, of the Illinois department, was introduced by Howard C. Knotts. Commander Lucas extended greetings from the Illinois department of the Legion and then introduced Capt. Oscar J. Carlstrom, now attorney general of Illinois and former national commander of the United Spanish War Veterans.

General Vance and Captain Inman were introduced by Captain Carlstrom and the two Civil War veterans placed wreaths upon the tomb of Lincoln.

In the short procession to the sarcophagus, General Vance and Captain Inman were attended by Commander Lucas, Captain Carlstrom, Commander Charles G. Essig, State commander of the United Spanish War Veterans, Mrs. Dargan, State president of the Legion Auxiliary, and William P. Boynton, grand chef de gare of the Forty and Eight, Department of Illinois.

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VET CHIEFS OF 1861 JOIN HANDS; PARADE TO-DAY TO BE FEATURE

Ties of friendship between the North and South were firmly cemented when heads of the blue and gray veterans' organizations joined hands at the State arsenal last night, sat side by side and participated in the public mass meeting, officially opening the State convention of the American Legion.

These two patriarchs of 1861, Capt. John B. Inman, Springfield, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Gen. M. D. Vance, Little Rock, Ark., commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, meeting for the first time, formed a distinctive feature of the patriotic outpouring of 5,000 persons at the State arsenal.

Although the two days of convention activities will not get under way until this morning, the arsenal meeting was the impressive opening for a Legion convention that is expected to go down in history as the most successful and interesting in its career.

SCOTT LUCAS OPENS SESSION

The mass meeting was not of long duration. Scott Lucas, Havana, State commander of the American Legion, called the assemblage to order at 7.45 o'clock and at 9.30 o'clock the gathering had dispersed.

Seated on the stage, besides Commanders in Chief Inman and Vance, were representatives of the local Legion post, members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and Justice Floyd E. Thompson, of the Illinois Supreme Court, the speaker of the evening.

When Commander Scott Lucas had called the meeting to order he introduced the guests of honor to the assemblage, and as each notable arose from his chair great applause greeted him.

Commander in Chief Inman extended a formal welcome to the visitors on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, the State of Illinois, and the city of Springfield. General Vance in a short talk expressed his pleasure at being permitted to attend the Legion convention and spoke of the ties of friendship between the North and the South.

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THE RED CROSS AMBULANCE PASSETH BY

The following poem submitted in 1918 during the Red Cross drive by J. B. Inman, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is particularly fitting during these days of the American Legion convention:

John B. Inman

What means this hush in the soldier throng
As the sound of wheels is borne along
On the crystal air like angel's song,
While the wounded smile and some may die?
The Red Cross ambulance passeth by.

With its cross of red and flag of white,
It comes to banish the gloom of night
From the hearts of those who bore the fight,
Who now in pain but in comfort lie.
The Red Cross ambulance passeth by.

Over "No man's land" to trenches go,
As it wildly dashes to and fro,
While shells are bursting both high and low:
'Mid gas and smoke and victory's cry
The Red Cross ambulance passeth by.

And who can measure the courage there
As driver sits with stoical stare,
Under his breath saying a prayer?
He trusts the Power that reigns on high
As the Red Cross ambulance passeth by.

And whether it's here or "over there,"
It matters not what time or where,
As these men are bound to do and dare.
Stand at "Attention!" great good is nigh.
When the Red Cross ambulance passeth by.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., September 4, 1925.

I. Having been elected and installed commander in chief by the Fifty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be established at Springfield, Ill., where all official communications should be addressed to the adjutant general.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant general, Henry B. Davidson, Springfield, Ill.

Quartermaster general, C. D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian, Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.

IV. Further appointments will be announced in future orders.

JOHN B. INMAN, *Commander in Chief.*

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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., October 1, 1925.

1. At the Fifty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Grand Rapids, Mich., August 30 to September 5, 1925, the following comrades were elected to the offices designated below:

Commander in chief, John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill.

Senior vice commander in chief, Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.

Junior vice commander in chief, William O. Allen, Newark, N. J.

Surgeon general, John Gilbert, Fall River, Mass.

Chaplain in chief, William P. McKinsey, Lebanon, Ind.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama. George F. Jackson, Edgewood, Birmingham.

Arkansas. Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.

California and Nevada, W. H. Noll, Los Angeles.

Colorado and Wyoming, James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Connecticut, David W. Sharpe, New Haven.

Delaware, C. A. W. Frishmuth, Wilmington.

Florida, A. R. Sawyer, Lakeland.

Georgia and South Carolina, G. E. Whitman, Fitzgerald, Ga.

Idaho, George F. Kimery, Boise.

Illinois, William P. Wright, Chicago.

Indiana, David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.

Iowa, A. G. Beatty, Independence.

Kansas, J. H. Osborne, Humboldt.

Kentucky, M. H. Davidson, Louisville.

Louisiana and Mississippi, E. K. Russ, New Orleans.

Maine, Nathaniel W. White, Augusta.

Maryland, George T. Leech, Baltimore.

Massachusetts, Henry Clark, North Cambridge.

Michigan, Albert Dunham, Jackson.

Minnesota, Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis.

Missouri, Samuel D. Webster, St. Louis.

Montana, J. N. Chesnutt, Great Falls.
 Nebraska, W. H. Stewart, Geneva.
 New Hampshire, Joseph Willis, Haverhill.
 New Jersey, Isaac Cole, Maplewood.
 New Mexico, Z. H. Bliss, Albuquerque.
 New York, Birt F. Parsons, Brooklyn.
 North Dakota, Henry Beal, Valley City.
 Ohio, Emmett F. Taggart, Akron.
 Oklahoma, S. M. Hines, Stillwater.
 Oregon, D. L. McKay, Portland.
 Pennsylvania, H. H. Bengough, Pittsburgh.
 Potomac, John Middleton, Washington, D. C.
 Rhode Island, Samuel A. Whelden, East Providence.
 South Dakota, Warren Osborn, Zephyr Hills, Fla.
 Tennessee, J. C. Mordough, Hollywood, Calif.
 Texas, T. W. Woodcock, Dallas.
 Utah, Henry W. Charter, Salt Lake City.
 Vermont, William H. Pierce, Bellows Falls.
 Virginia and North Carolina, Geo. W. Burchfield, Hampton, Va.
 Washington and Alaska, A. A. Stevens, Wenatchee, Wash.
 West Virginia, James T. Piggott, Parkersburg.
 Wisconsin, E. B. Heimstreet, Lake Mills.

II. The following staff appointments hereby are announced:

Adjutant general, Henry B. Davidson, Springfield, Ill.

Quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Judge advocate general, Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.

Inspector general, Isaac Cole, Maplewood, N. J.

National patriotic instructor, Levi Longfellow, Minneapolis, Minn.

Assistant adjutant general, Rufus L. Chase, Des Moines, Iowa.

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian, Samuel P. Towne, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief of staff, George A. Hosley, West Somerville, Mass.

Senior aid de camp, Walter L. Funk, Grand Rapids, Mich.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. The commander in chief, the senior vice commander in chief, the adjutant general, the quartermaster general, and the following named comrades of the national council of administration will constitute the executive committee of the national council of administration:

Birt F. Parsons, Brooklyn, N. Y.

H. H. Bengough, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn.

William P. Wright, Chicago, Ill.

David Sharpe, New Haven, Conn.

W. H. Noll, Los Angeles, Calif.

Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, Ohio.

IV. National headquarters are established in commodious and attractive quarters in the Capitol Building, State of Illinois, Springfield, where all official communications will be addressed to the adjutant general.

V. The commander in chief is not unmindful of the high honor conferred upon him at the Fifty-ninth National Encampment and appreciates greatly this further evidence of confidence and esteem on the part of his beloved comrades.

VI. Amendment to rules and regulations. Basis for representatives to national encampments, changed from 200 to 100 or fraction thereof.

VII. The following committees hereby are appointed:

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

John L. Clem, Washington, D. C.

Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A. J. Gahagan, Chattanooga, Tenn.

John McElroy, Washington, D. C.

John R. King, Baltimore, Md.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS

Charles G. Burton, Portland, Oreg.
 J. W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.
 John R. King, Baltimore, Md.
 W. A. Wetherbee, Boston, Mass.
 Charles H. Haskins, Los Angeles, Calif.

COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC AND DISPOSITION OF
ARCHIVES AND FUNDS UPON DISSOLUTION

Charles G. Burton, Portland, Oreg.
 Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Robert W. McBride, Indianapolis, Ind.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL BRIDGE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Hosea B. Moulton, Washington, D. C.
 John L. Clem, Washington, D. C.
 John McElroy, Washington, D. C.
 John W. Reid, Washington, D. C.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE RULES AND REGULATIONS

James Tanner, Washington, D. C.
 Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn.
 William J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

COMMITTEE TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION A MEMORIAL TO J. ANDREW
WILT

Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Birt F. Parsons, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 H. H. Bengough, Pittsburgh, Pa.

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND

William J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Daniel M. Hall, Columbus, Ohio.
 Frank R. Chase, Smyrna, Mich.

VIII. Aids-de-camp will be appointed upon recommendation of department commanders. Give full name of comrade with post number and post-office address. Notice of appointment will be sent them.

The official badge for aids-de-camp is as follows: Rank strap, silver eagle on black enamel field, ribbon composed of the flag with buff border.

Every aid-de-camp will be required to pay \$1 for his badge and commission which covers cost of same together with printing and postage. If a comrade has a badge, he will remit 50 cents only to cover cost.

IX. Assistant adjutants general must forward all requisitions for supplies, etc., with remittances therefor direct to Comrade Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, 502 People's Bank Building, Buffalo, N. Y. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made payable to him as quartermaster general. All remittances for amounts of less than \$5 must be sent in post-office money orders.

X. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward promptly to these headquarters, notice of the death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their departments with brief sketch of military and Grand Army service, and when born and when and where died.

XI. The following resolutions were adopted by the Fifty-ninth National Encampment:

1. Name of Daughters of Veterans was changed to "Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and Sons of Veterans to "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Both organizations ratified these changes September 3, 1925.

2. That in future national encampments the ritual prayer shall be used.

3. To have the battle field of Westport, Mo., purchased and made a national park.

4. For the incoming commander in chief to appoint a committee of three to report at the Sixtieth National Encampment, the status of the Grand Army of the Republic and what disposition shall be made of whatever property they may possess when they pass out of existence.

5. We abhor the propaganda said to have been uttered in certain public schools by one Edmund Vance Cooke, which placed Robert E. Lee upon the same pedestal of honor and greatness as is conceded to the immortal Lincoln.

6. In Arlington, when an enlisted man is buried, his widow may be interred in the same 8-foot grave, while an officer is entitled to two graves.

We believe this is unjust and respectfully request our committee on legislation to try and have the rule changed.

7. We object to the restoration of the Lee Mansion, which the so-called Daughters of the Confederacy propose to convert into a home to house the relics of the Southern Confederacy, and it hereby is ordered that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of these United States, to each member of his Cabinet, and to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives.

8. We frown upon any attempt to change the present form of the government of the national soldiers' homes and request the commander in chief to send a copy of this resolution to the President and a copy to the chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

9. Providing for index to the Bluebook.

10. Reiterating the action of the fifty-eighth national encampment, we respectfully urge the passage of a pension bill that every Union soldier who enlisted prior to April 9, 1865, served 90 days, and was honorably discharged shall receive \$72 per month; any widow married prior to 1910 shall receive \$50 per month; Civil War nurses \$50 per month.

Totally disabled soldier who requires an attendant, \$125 per month.

Loss of arm or leg, \$100 per month.

11. Committee to investigate and report upon the construction of the proposed memorial bridge in Washington, D. C.

12. Gratitude to the city of Grand Rapids and all concerned for their splendid hospitality and fine courtesy on the occasion of the fifty-ninth national encampment.

13. The committee to whom was referred the application of the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic for recognition was given until the convening of the sixtieth national encampment to report.

14. To revise the rules and regulations, bringing them up to date.

By command of—

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.
HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., January 20, 1926.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

I. The Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in Des Moines, Iowa, September 19 to 25, 1926. National headquarters in Fort Des Moines Hotel. The following societies will be entitled to the reduced rates: Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps—its auxiliary, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

Attributed as follows: Members of the Grand Army of the Republic; wife, or a dependent member of the family, of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; widow of a deceased member of the Grand Army of the Republic; Army nurse of the Civil War; a member of the auxiliary or one of the allied organizations named above; a dependent member of the family of a member of the auxiliary or one of the allied organizations named above.

The railroad rates are fare one way for the round trip, certificate plan, non-validation and no diversity of routes (must go and return the same way). Stop-overs allowed going and coming, and return limit October 30, 1926.

The Des Moines executive committee is composed of the following: Gen. Guy A. Logan, chairman; Col. H. H. Polk, vice chairman and in charge of music and parade; Col. E. S. Olmstead, chairman of automobiles and transportation. Col. C. A. Watrous, chairman of decorations; Col. R. L. Chase, entertainment of national officers; Hon. Ray E. Johnson, treasurer of state; Hon. W. C. Ramsay, secretary of state; Hon. G. E. Hamilton, secretary and chairman of hotels and housing.

All inquiries relating to hotels and housing, including the department headquarters for the Grand Army, its auxiliary, and other allied organizations, will be addressed to G. E. Hamilton, care of chamber of commerce.

PENSIONS

II. Circular Letter No. I gave in detail the plan as set forth in the Fifty-ninth National Encampment to undertake to pass an exclusive veterans of the Civil War bill, and such are now in the Senate and House, the former introduced by Senator Harreld and the latter by Representative Elliott, assistant chairman of the Pension Committee. Information has been received at national headquarters showing that the admonition of the commander in chief promulgated through each department, whereby every Senator and Representative received an appeal to support our measure, is bearing fruitage. It is the opinion of the commander in chief that there never before has been so universal an appeal to the Members of the Congress.

We come not on bended knee, but rather we come hoping and believing that these venerable patriots, whose average age is 82, and who preserved the Union and maintained its flag unsullied, will be cared for by a grateful Nation, as for them the twilight shall deepen into darkness.

III. The assistant adjutants general will forward to these headquarters the place and date of the next department encampment as soon as determined.

IV. Per capita tax, 5 cents each last half of year, should be remitted promptly to quartermaster general, and the department commanders are reminded that their reports up to December 31, 1925, must be received by the adjutant general not later than February 1, 1926.

V. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send all department general orders to these headquarters, and also send the adjutant general a copy of their department roster.

VI. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a national organization, are showing great activity, and your commander in chief will appreciate any assistance and encouragement we may give these honored sons of noble sires.

VII. The following appointments and changes hereby are announced:

Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg is appointed a member of the permanent fund of trustees in place of Past Commander in Chief Daniel M. Hall, deceased.

Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance, of Minnesota; Silas H. Towler, Minnesota; and W. S. Matthews, of Ohio, are appointed a memorial committee on the death of Comrade Hall.

To carry the national color, J. M. Sawyer, Post No. 117, Tremont, Ill.; Union Jack, David King, Post No. 15, Department of Massachusetts; to carry the Grand Army colors, Comrade John Underfanger, Post No. 30, Springfield, Ill.

Comrade C. O. Seaman, Crocker Post No. 12, Department of Iowa, officer of the day.

Council of administration, W. M. Lott, Atlanta, Ga., to fill vacancy caused by the death of Past Department Commander G. E. Whitman.

Past Department Commander Walter S. Tully, of New Jersey, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Comrade Isaac Cole, who was appointed inspector general.

VIII. The anniversary of the birth of President Lincoln, February 12, and the birthday of George Washington, February 22, will be observed with suitable exercises commensurate with the importance of these occasions.

IX. The commander in chief is not unmindful of the great number of holiday greetings with which he was honored, and he takes this opportunity to express his highest sense of gratitude for the fraternal felicitations and commendations contained therein.

X. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aids de camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

G. K. Curits, Post No. 75, Red Bluff.
 M. T. Manus, Post No. 199, 131 Willow Watts.
 T. K. Jones, Post No. 63, 25 Washington Street, Petaluma.
 W. E. Tucker, Post No. 80, 106 Keyser Street, Yuba City.
 H. Q. Morton, Post No. 153, Box 57, Soldiers Home, Sawtelle.
 W. P. Carman, Post No. 52, 1321 Garden Street, Santa Barbara.
 Jason B. Root, Post No. 131, 508 North Philadelphia Street, Anaheim.
 S. S. Stowe, Post No. 199, 614 Juniper Street, Watts.
 George L. Wight, Post No. 203, 595 North Juanita Avenue, Redondo.
 Harvey Lundy, Post No. 55, 1626 West Thirty-ninth Place, Los Angeles.
 P. O. Needham, Post No. 3, 2552 Sloat Way, Sacramento.
 Samuel Levit, Post No. 1, 920 Irving Street, San Francisco.
 Henry C. Veatch, Post No. 96, Gridley.
 O. H. Maryatt, Post No. 17, 331 East Chestnut Street, Santa Ana.
 Martin L. Guth, Post No. 50, 5704 Gaskill Street, Oakland.
 W. H. Lawrence, Post No. 82, 116 Nagles Street, San Jose.
 William Bundy, Post No. 19, 3852 Twelfth Street, Chico.
 R. N. Stubbs, Post No. 93, 957 North El Moline, Pasadena.
 O. W. Kinsman, Post No. 93, 384 North Fair Oaks, Pasadena.
 D. W. O'Fallon, Post No. 48, 3435 Nineteenth Street, San Francisco.
 Charles W. Rust, Post No. 7, 128 South Twentieth Street, San Jose.
 B. F. Rockhold, Post No. 118, 1220 Eleventh Street, Riverside.
 J. A. Osgood, 617 Montocito Avenue, Sierra Madre.
 John C. Chapman, Post No. 2, 2760 Harrison Street, San Francisco.
 Joseph M. Graham, Post No. 88, 2510 College Avenue, Berkeley.
 S. M. French, Post No. 93, 440 Fair Oaks, Pasadena.
 Henry J. Crall, Post No. 82, 72 Broadway, Los Gatos.
 Charles McAfee, Post No. 20, 712 Wheeler Street, Santa Rosa.
 William J. Ruddick, Post No. 48, 239 Samson Street, San Francisco.
 Henry L. Hossack, Post No. 93, 1341 Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena.
 Orison L. Farnham, Post No. 177, Box 143, Soldiers Home.
 John T. Smith, Post No. 19, Chico.
 Henry C. Anderson, care of P. D. Swick, Pomona.
 E. G. Wilkinson, Post No. 23, Post Office Box 126, Stockton.
 George W. Heimer, Post No. 191, 1441 Euclid Avenue, Santa Monica.
 M. H. Wager, Post No. 55, 2927 Fourth Street, Ocean Park.
 Moses Petty, Post No. 61, 1124 Twentieth Street, Pomona.
 M. E. Gates, Post No. 3, 2841 Filbert Street, San Francisco.
 C. S. Bond, Post No. 52, 714 Victory Street, Santa Barbara.
 James Curry, Post No. 8, 5268 Locksley Avenue, Oakland.
 William H. Savage, Post No. 185, 226 Sixth Street, San Pedro.
 Charles J. Bolting, Post No. 153, Box 57, Soldiers Home.
 Herman L. Judell, Post No. 2, 334 Sacramento Street, San Francisco.
 S. D. Graves, Post No. 181, 525 East Sixth Street, Long Beach.
 W. M. O'Farrell, Post No. 33, 2415 Front Street, San Diego.
 D. W. Hasson, Post No. 131, Buena Park.
 William Karr, Post No. 171, Veterans Home, Napa County.
 H. L. Joslin, Post No. 188, 1526 One hundred second Avenue, Sawtelle.
 J. S. Toland, Post No. 106, 1646 Middleton Place, Los Angeles.
 Henry M. Mingay, Post No. 202, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 48, Tujunga.
 Robert M. Crouch, Post No. 55, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.
 L. G. Mosher, Post No. 52, 1510 Dela Vina Street, Santa Barbara.
 A. W. Caulkins, Post No. 7, Route 2, Box 163, Mountain View.
 J. K. Piersol, Post No. 156, Fort Bragg.
 W. A. Johnson, Post No. 106, 411 North Avenue 62, Los Angeles.
 J. C. Colleston, Post No. 182, 420 North Friends Avenue, Whittier.
 Simon Peter, Post No. 50, 396 South Sixteenth Street, San Jose.
 Leroy W. Allum, Post No. 118, 316 Date Street, Riverside.
 A. J. Vining, Post No. 2, 2134 Pine Street, San Francisco.
 Robert A. Tyson, Post No. 41, 523 Coombs Street, Calistoga.
 Charles S. McNeill, Post No. 171, Veterans Home, Napa County.
 John McKibben, Post No. 138, 484 South Center Street, Orange.
 James Roney, Post No. 4, 601-A Georgia Street, Vallejo.
 John M. Smith, Post No. 60, Box 1403, Compton.
 W. H. Ellsworth, Post No. 162, Redland.
 William Christie, Post No. 125, Upper Lake.
 Albert Hermes, Post No. 50, 619 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.
 S. W. Sutton, Post No. 17, 1017 Spurgeon Street, Santa Ana.
 J. B. Albbrook, Post No. 93, 389 Gelena Avenue, Pasadena.
 Scott Doane, Post No. 75, Red Bluff.
 John S. Kenyon, Post No. 55, 1242 McCaddon Place, Los Angeles.
 Denis M. Riordan, Post No. 2, 78 Mercedes Way, San Francisco.
 W. A. Packard, Post No. 200, 6210½ Moneta Avenue, Los Angeles.
 F. J. Hazelton, Post No. 200, 2337 Sheridan Street, Los Angeles.
 P. P. Chamberlain, Post No. 72, Redwood City.
 S. H. Enyeart, Post No. 55, 2629 East Fifty-seventh Street, Los Angeles.
 Edward Davis, Post No. 57, 805 Seventh Street, San Bernardino.

A. G. Fletcher, Post No. 69, Box 815, Reno.
 Charles M. Jenkins, Post No. 55, 1158 Santee Street, Los Angeles.
 B. J. Charles, Post No. 182, 217 North Washington Avenue, Whittier.
 James M. Aubery, Post No. 55, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.
 Wesley Thompson, Post No. 55, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.

CONNECTICUT

E. T. Abbott, Post No. 3, 857 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport.
 James R. Young, Post No. 49, 66 Sheffield Street, Waterville.
 Morgan N. Atwater, Post No. 17, New Haven.
 William G. Renfree, Post No. 33, Plainville.
 Charles M. Shailer, Post No. 39, Milford.
 Homer F. Northroy, Post No. 49, Waterbury.
 A. P. Stark, Post No. 59, Bristol.

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 By command of,

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.
 HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.

 IN MEMORIAM

DANIEL MUNSON HALL

Past Commander in Chief

Daniel M. Hall, past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home in Columbus, Ohio, October 19, 1925, the day before his eighty-second birthday.

He was born in Wellington, Ohio, October 20, 1843; enlisted in 1861 with the Second Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, Company H, and after recovering from an injury sustained during this service reenlisted and was promoted to sergeant major of Company F, Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He served three years.

Captain Hall was a past commander of J. M. Wells Post No. 451 of Columbus, past commander of the Sons of Veterans, commander of the Department of Ohio in 1918, and in 1919, at the national encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, was elected senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, James D. Bell of Brooklyn, N. Y., being elected commander in chief. At the death of Comrade Bell, which occurred less than two months afterward, Comrade Hall succeeded to the office of commander in chief, the duties of which he discharged with credit and honor.

During his term of office as commander in chief he rendered efficient and valuable service to the Grand Army in many ways, being especially instrumental in securing the passage of the pension bill then before Congress.

He was universally respected and esteemed for his many admirable traits of character.

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HEADQUARTERS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 Springfield, Ill., April 2, 1926.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

I. As previously announced, the Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in Des Moines, Iowa, September 19 to 25, 1926. National headquarters in Fort Des Moines Hotel. The following societies will be entitled to the reduced rates: Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps (its auxiliary), Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

Attributed as follows: Member of the Grand Army of the Republic; wife, or a dependent member of the family, of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; widow of a deceased member of the Grand Army of the Republic; Army nurse of the Civil War; a member of the auxiliary or one of the allied organizations named above; a dependent member of the family of a member of the auxiliary or one of the allied organizations named above.

The railroad rates are fare one way for the round trip, certificate plan, nonvalidation, and no diversity of routes (must go and return the same way) excepting as follows: From points in California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and western British Columbia tickets will be sold via diverse routes at fares made one-half of the one-way fare applying via route used on going, plus one-half of the one-way fare applying via route used on return trip; usual additional charges via indirect routes, such as Shasta route, to be added where such routes are used. This authorizes the same diverse-route arrangements as in effect in previous years. Stop-overs allowed going and coming, and return limit October 30, 1926.

Des Moines has over 6,000 guest rooms in upward of 40 hotels and apartments, all situated in the down-town district and all convenient to convention and assembly halls. For the convenience of convention guests, the following is a list of leading hotels and schedule of rates applying to two or more persons. Single rates are available when desired at a reasonable reduction from the double rate quoted.

Name	Without bath, per room, two persons	With bath, per room, two persons	For each additional occupant
Brown Hotel, Fourth and Chestnut	\$3. 00—\$2. 50	\$4. 50—\$4. 00	\$1. 00—\$1. 50
Chamberlain Hotel, Seventh and Locust	3. 00— 3. 50	4. 00— 6. 00	1. 50— 2. 00
Elliott Hotel, 219 Fourth Street	2. 00— 2. 50	3. 00— 4. 00	1. 00— 1. 50
Hotel Fort Des Moines, Tenth and Walnut		5. 00— 8. 50	2. 00
Foster Hotel, Eighth and Walnut	2. 00— 2. 50	2. 50— 3. 50	1. 00
Franklin Hotel, Fifth and Locust		3. 00— 5. 00	1. 00— 2. 00
Irwin Hotel, Sixth and Cherry	2. 25	2. 50— 4. 00	1. 00— 1. 50
Kirkwood Hotel, Fourth and Walnut	2. 00— 3. 00	3. 50— 4. 00	1. 50— 2. 00
Lloyd Hotel, Sixth and High	2. 00	3. 50	1. 00
Manhattan Hotel, 313 Fifth Street	2. 50	4. 00	
Martin Hotel, Third and Locust	2. 00— 2. 50	3. 50— 4. 00	1. 25
Northwestern Hotel, East Fourth and Walnut	2. 00— 2. 50	3. 00— 4. 00	
Randolph Hotel, Fourth and Court Avenue	2. 50— 2. 75	3. 00— 4. 00	1. 00— 2. 00
Rogers Hotel, Sixth and Mulberry	2. 00— 2. 50	2. 50— 3. 50	1. 00
Hotel Savery III, Fourth and Locust		4. 00— 7. 00	2. 00
Victoria Hotel, Sixth and Chestnut		3. 00— 4. 00	1. 50
Wellington Hotel, Fifth and Grand	1. 50— 2. 50	2. 50— 3. 50	1. 00

The Des Moines executive committee is composed of the following:

Gen. Guy A. Logan, chairman; Col. H. H. Polk, vice chairman, and in charge of music and parade; Col. E. S. Olmstead, chairman of automobiles and transportation; Col. C. A. Watrous, chairman of decorations; Col. R. L. Chase, entertainment of national officers; Hon. Ray E. Johnson, treasurer of state; Hon. W. C. Ramsay, secretary of state; Hon. G. E. Hamilton, secretary and chairman of hotels and housing.

All inquiries relating to hotels and housing, including the Department Headquarters for the Grand Army, its auxiliary and other allied organizations will be addressed to G. E. Hamilton, care of Chamber of Commerce.

PENSIONS

II. We are hoping that favorable action soon will be taken on our pension measure and we have cause to believe that the tremendous amount of information which has been placed before the Senators and Representatives of Congress from all over the country will bear fruitage in the near future. Many great matters are before Congress, nothing more important, however, than assistance for these veterans of the Civil War and their widows and Army nurses, and so we hope, nay more believe, that we shall not be forgotten when our needs are so great and our case so reasonable and so conclusive.

III. Attention of departments is again called to the basis of representation to national encampments, which is as follows:

One representative for each 100 members in good standing and one additional representative for a final fraction of more than one-half that number. The change from 200 was made at the Fifty-ninth National Encampment.

IV. Comrade Smith Stimmel, of the Department of North Dakota, is hereby appointed national patriotic instructor in place of Comrade Levi Longfellow, of the Department of Minnesota, deceased.

V. Comrade M. F. Underwood, of Knoxville, Tenn., is appointed a member of the national council of administration in place of Comrade J. C. Mordough, removed from the department.

VI. The following committee will prepare and present to the Sixtieth National Encampment a memorial to Past Commander in Chief Charles G. Burton:

Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, Past Commander in Chief James Tanner, Past Commander in Chief John R. King, Past Commander in Chief Leo Rassieur.

VII. The following comrades will constitute a committee on memorial for Comrade Longfellow, national patriotic instructor:

Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant, Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance, Past Department Commander Silas H. Towler.

VIII. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aids de camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

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 Michael Gold, Post No. 182, New York City.
 John B. Trainer, Post No. 458, New York City.
 George T. Taylor, Post No. 182, Mount Vernon.
 S. J. Daniels, Post No. 222, Olean.
 Edward Barr, Post No. 103, Brooklyn.
 Charles L. Cummings, Post No. 21, Brooklyn.
 Isaac Bevier, Post No. 20, Poughkeepsie.
 Capt. William H. French, Post No. 197, Brooklyn.

OHIO

L. M. Armor, Post No. 187, Marietta.
 Emery D. Potter, Toledo Post, Toledo.
 Gustavus Smith, Post No. 446, Dayton.
 W. F. Brandt, Post No. 23, Dayton.
 Lewis F. Keller, Post No. 1, Columbus.
 William Clouse, Post No. 165, Ironton.
 James R. Oldfield, Post No. 149, Bryan.
 Garrison Coale, Post No. 29, Youngstown.
 William E. Sprague, Post No. 29, Youngstown.
 J. S. Kimbrough, Post No. 58, Wilmington.
 A. D. King, Post No. 328, McConnellsville.
 J. A. Throckmorton, Post No. 62, Sidney.
 Harry F. Bell, Post No. 131, Mansfield.
 George B. Christian, Post No. 117, Marion.

OKLAHOMA

Leander C. Carrico, Post No. 72, McCurtain.

OREGON

D. E. Way, Post No. 77, Newberg.
 W. F. McLaughlin, Post No. 5, Albany.

PENNSYLVANIA

Nathan Tanner, Post No. 177, Langsford.
 H. R. Fulton, Post No. 84, Lancaster.
 Charles A. Kershner, Post No. 23, Pottsville.
 J. Harvey Luker, Post No. 209, Scottsdale.
 John H. Miller, Post No. 210, Somerset.
 J. G. Drehmer, Post No. 41, Bradford.
 Henry F. Charles, Post No. 407, Port Trevorton.
 Edward S. France, Post No. 60, Monongahela.
 M. H. Lowe, Post No. 64, Williamsport.
 James J. Bolestridge, Post No. 18, Philadelphia.
 James M. Marshall, Post No. 28, Indiana.

RHODE ISLAND

Maj. James A. Abbott, Post No. 1, Capitol Building, Washington, D. C.
 Charles F. Read, Post No. 17, 20 Church Street, Pawtucket.
 Charles H. Bullock, Post No. 20, 87 James Street, East Providence.
 George B. Smith, Post No. 5, Newport.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Henry C. Andrus, Post No. 19, 408 Seventh Avenue, Aberdeen.

TENNESSEE

William L. Babb, Post No. 8, 405 South West Irish Street, Greenville.
 Fred Faver, Post No. 2, 1901 South Orchard-nob Avenue, Chattanooga.
 David McCollister, Post No. 2, Ooltewah.
 Abner Reed, Post No. 2, Signal Mountain.
 J. W. Vernon, Post No. 3, Memphis.

VERMONT

Nathan Cushing, Post No. 82, Wood Stock.
 W. H. Emery, Post No. 91, Eden Mills.
 John H. Brooks, Post No. 2, Burlington.
 A. S. Greene, Post No. 60, St. Albans.
 E. E. Joslyn, Post No. 13, Montpelier.
 Winthrop T. Reed, Post No. 1, St. Johnsbury.
 Henry A. Moore, Post No. 1, R. F. D. No. 1, Passumpsic.
 John E. Rollins, Post No. 13, Barre.
 C. A. Heyer, Post No. 1, Johnsburg.

WEST VIRGINIA

L. L. Sykes, Post No. 17, New Martinsville.
 M. H. Neville, Post No. 1, Martinsburg.

WISCONSIN

F. E. Hurd, Post No. 61, New Lisbon.
 E. B. Heinstreet, Post No. 26, Lake Mills.
 Fred Wardrobe, Post No. 19, Waukesha.
 W. H. Chesbrough, Post No. 54, 142 State Street, Beloit.
 Henry Stannard, Post No. 212, Greenbush.
 W. L. Sherman, Post No. 1, 222 Mayer Block, Milwaukee.
 James Hannan, Post No. 1, 113 Fourteenth Street, Wauwatosa.
 H. F. W. Fisher, Post No. 1, 453 Twenty-sixth Street, Wauwatosa.
 J. T. Sherman, Post No. 135, Lock Box 225, Wautoma.
 E. L. Palmer, Post No. 9, Baraboo.
 Henry R. Price, Post No. 28, Kingston.
 E. H. Stuart, Post No. 90, Brodhead.
 I. B. Hill, Post No. 170, Superior.
 Robert Inglis, Post No. 249, Bayfield.
 Fred M. Hawley, Post No. 231, Poysippi.
 Samuel W. Campbell, Post No. 151, Hudson.
 A. P. VanMetre, Post No. 45, Janesville.
 John H. Hellweg, Post No. 260, Hayward.
 Charles H. Henry, Post No. 52, Eau Claire.
 John Bartell, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Herman Scherff, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Joseph Turner, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Herman Pellman, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Joseph Johnston, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 John Goggin, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Frank Pallant, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Alfred Hubbard, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Charles Kayser, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 William H. Ellis, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Paul Hackendahl, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Charles M. Hambright, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Lloyd Sampson, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Henry Hase, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 John Luick, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 Henry E. Eichfeld, Post No. 1, Milwaukee.
 S. D. Rose, Post No. 54, Beloit.
 Henry C. Eaton, Post No. 130, Fond du Lac.

By command of—

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.
 HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.

 IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES G. BURTON

Past Commander in Chief

Born at Cleveland, Ohio, April 4, 1846, and died in Kansas City, Mo., February 25, 1926, and was buried in Nevada, Mo.

Enlisted September 7, 1861, at Warren, Ohio, in Company C, Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Discharged October 29, 1862, account serious illness.

Enrolled April 27, 1864, in Company A, One hundred and seventy-first Ohio National Guard for 100 days and discharged August 20, 1864. He was past commander of the Department of Missouri of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was commander in chief in 1907. He graduated from Warren (Ohio) High School June 9, 1864.

Admitted to practice law in Trumbull County, Ohio, April 15, 1867, and served as clerk of the court of common pleas.

Moved to Missouri in 1868 and in 1880 was elected circuit judge of the twenty-fifth judicial circuit of Missouri.

Elected to Congress in 1894 and in 1907 was appointed internal revenue collector at Kansas City, Mo., by President Roosevelt, serving eight years, being reappointed by Presidents Taft and Wilson.

His Grand Army of the Republic service was of a high order and his counsel and advice eagerly sought at all times. He represented various commanders in chief in the Western States encampments and was a comrade who measured up to the full stature of complete manhood, and "the elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say to all the world: 'This was a man.'"

COMRADE LEVI LONGFELLOW

National Patriotic Instructor

Born in Machias, Me., May 10, 1842, and died in Minneapolis, Minn., February 26, 1926.

He enlisted on August 9, 1862, as a bugler in Company B, Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and was promoted to principal musician of the regiment.

He was commander of the Department of Minnesota in 1906, was several terms national patriotic instructor, and died in the office.

He had been prominent in civic and business affairs and his long and consistent Christian life was a constant inspiration to all with whom he came in contact.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5, }
SERIES 1925-26 }

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., April 5, 1926.

MEMORIAL DAY

Comes now our great national funeral day with its intermingled sorrow and joy. Regret that so many comrades have reached the river's brink and have crossed over—and rejoicing that their achievements stand out in bold relief on the escutcheon of our country's greatness.

Where possible, flowers may be strewn upon the waters in remembrance of those comrades who sleep beneath the sad sea waves.

It appears to the commander in chief that we should be proud and happy to cooperate with other ex-soldier societies, not forgetting, however, that the men of the sixties made the day possible—a leadership which our younger compatriots are only glad to concede and for which we feel a deep sense of gratitude.

As May 30, 1926, falls on Sunday, it is presumed that Monday would be selected for the exercise in the cemeteries or other usual locations.

Where able-bodied comrades are to be found, schools may be visited, and it is highly desirable that all posts shall attend divine services on May 23 or May 30.

There are but 115,000 survivors of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and they are crossing the Great Divide at the rate of nearly 20,000 per year.

Not until over the last comrade has been pronounced the pathetic words "Taps are sounded—lights are out, the soldier sleeps," shall come the greatest glory to the Grand Army of the Republic.

We had no predecessor, we will have no successor. We know the work we were set to do; we know the task we were given to perform, and performed it; we have taken our place in the history of this Republic; and now as we shall go down through the valley of the shadows and out into the everlasting sunshine, Aye, as we hope to the mountain's top, we beseech, as did they of old, "Let Thy servants depart in peace."

And so the curtain falls; shall it rise again? Reason says perhaps, while faith and hope, ever and forever proclaim, It shall rise again.

Here follow General Logan's order establishing Memorial Day and President Lincoln's immortal address at Gettysburg. These must become a part of the Memorial Day exercises.

LOGAN ORDER

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 11.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and those bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines, who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their deaths a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of—

JOHN A. LOGAN, *Commander in Chief.*
N. P. CHIPMAN, *Adjutant General.*

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now, we are engaged in a great civil war testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased de-

votion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

By command of—

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.
 HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 6, }
 SERIES 1925-26 }

HEADQUARTERS
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., July 10, 1926.

PENSIONS

Following is the complete bill as signed by the President July 3, 1926.

Sixty-ninth Congress, first session

S. 4059.—An act granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Civil and Mexican Wars, and to certain widows of said soldiers, sailors, and marines, and to widows of the War of 1812, and Army nurses, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person who served 90 days or more in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War, and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, or who, having so served less than 90 days, was discharged for a disability incurred in the service and in the line of duty, and every person who served 60 days or more in the war with Mexico, or on the coasts or frontier thereof, or en route thereto during the war with that nation and was honorably discharged therefrom, and who is now in receipt of or entitled to receive under existing law, a pension of less than \$72 per month, shall be entitled to and shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$65 per month; that in case such person is now, or hereafter may become totally helpless or blind shall be entitled to and shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$90 per month.

SEC. 2. The widow or remarried widow of any person who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War for 90 days or more and was honorably discharged from such service, or regardless of the length of service was discharged for or died in service of a disability incurred in the service and in the line of duty, such widow or remarried widow having been the wife of such soldier, sailor, or marine during the period of his service in said war, she shall be paid \$50 a month.

SEC. 3. That the rate of pension for the widow of any person who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in the War of 1812, or for 60 days or more in the war with Mexico, on the coasts or frontier thereof, or en route thereto, during the war with that nation, and was honorably discharged therefrom, shall be \$50 per month.

SEC. 4. All Army nurses of the Civil War whose names are now on the pension roll, or who are now entitled to pension under any existing law, shall be entitled to and shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$50 per month.

SEC. 5. That the pension or increase in the rate of pension herein provided for, as to all persons whose names are now on the pension roll, or who are now in receipt of a pension under existing law, shall commence at the rates herein provided on the fourth day of the next month after the approval of this act; and as to persons whose names are not now on the pension roll, or who are not now in receipt of a pension under existing law, but who may be entitled to a pension under the provisions of this act, such pensions shall commence from the date of filing application therefor in the Bureau of Pensions after the approval of this act in such form as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That no one while an inmate of the United States Soldiers' Home, or of any national or State soldiers' home shall be entitled to, or be paid the increased rates provided in this act; and the issue of a check in payment of a pension for which the execution and submission of a voucher was not re-

quired shall constitute payment in the event of the death of the pensioner on or after the last day of the period covered by such check, and it shall not be canceled, but shall become an asset of the estate of the deceased pensioner.

SEC. 6. That no claim agent, attorney, or other person shall contract for, demand, receive, or retain a fee for services in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting claims for the increase of pension provided for in this act; and no more than the sum of \$10 shall be allowed for such services in other claims thereunder, which sum shall be payable only on the order of the Commissioner of Pensions; and any person who shall directly or indirectly otherwise contract for, demand, receive, or retain a fee for services in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting any claim under this act, or shall wrongfully withhold from the pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension allowed or due to such pensioner or claimant under this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for each and every such offense be fined not exceeding \$500 or be imprisoned not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 7. That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby modified and amended only so far and to the extent as herein specifically provided and stated: *Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall in no way, manner, or substance modify, limit, or impair the soldier, sailor, or marine's right and title to the rate of \$72 provided in the second section of the act of May 1, 1920.

Careful attention is called to section 2, wherein it is provided that the widow or the remarried widow must have been the wife of a soldier, sailor, or a marine during the period of his service in the Civil War. There are 26,000 such widows surviving whose pension is increased to \$50 per month.

The second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress will convene early in December, 1926, and it is hoped that more liberal provision will be made for the other widows. The estimated cost of the increases as signed by the President will be sixteen millions for the first year.

The bill was signed at 11.30 a. m. and Congress adjourned at 3 p. m. the same day.

The commander in chief takes this occasion to express a deep sense of gratitude to all who contributed to this result.

By command of—

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.
HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No 7, }
SERIES 1925-26 }

HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., July 22, 1926.

PENSIONS

I. General Order No. 6 sent out July 10, 1926, gave the Senate bill 4059 in full as signed by the President, and while the measure was not all we had hoped for, it embraces some sixteen million increase for the first year.

The speed with which the final effort was imperative, will be understood when it is known that within 48 hours an amendment was concurred in by the Senate, returned to the House, was signed by the President at 11.30 a. m., July 3, 1926, and Congress adjourned until December, 1926, at 3 p. m. the same day.

In the case of the veterans' increase from \$50 to \$65, no application or other action is necessary and the check for \$65 will be received September 4, 1926.

The \$72 rating is not disturbed and as many as feel justified by their rapidly decreasing strength, may at any time apply for entrance into this rating, such application to be acted upon by the Pension Bureau in the same manner as has heretofore been required. Many of the widows are coming to the front who were wives of the Union soldiers, while such soldiers were in the service

of the Civil War. All such widows should advise the Hon. Winfield Scott, Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., as follows:

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS:

I was the wife of the person on account of whose service during the Civil War I am drawing pension during the period of his services in said war, and therefore, I request consideration of my case with a view to the allowance of the \$50 rate provided by the act of July 3, 1926.

Name _____
Address _____

Cert. No. _____

Any veteran applying for entrance into the \$90 class should make application as follows, and be sure that his invalid certificate number is written in:

(To be filled out and forwarded to the Pension Office.)

_____, 1926.

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS:

Believing my condition is such that I am entitled to the \$90 rate provided by the act of July 3, 1926, for those who are totally helpless or blind, I request that my case be taken up for consideration to determine my right to increase to \$90 per month.

Name _____
Address _____

Inv. Cert. No. _____

As to the Civil War nurses, the increase to \$50 is automatic and does not require any application. First payment will be made September 4, 1926.

II. TABLET FOR LOGAN'S GENERAL ORDER ESTABLISHING MEMORIAL DAY

Joint resolution authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to accept and install a tablet commemorating the designation of May 30 of each year as Memorial Day by General Order No. 11, issued by Gen. John A. Logan as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to accept from the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic a tablet of suitable material, design, and inscription commemorating the designation of May 30 of each year as Memorial Day by General Order No. 11, issued from the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic on May 5, 1868, by Gen. John A. Logan, commander in chief, and to install the same in some suitable place in the amphitheater in the Arlington National Cemetery of Virginia.

Approved June 19, 1926.

It is hoped that a substantial donation for this very laudable purpose may be made by the Grand Army of the Republic.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

III. Everything points to a large and successful encampment, and the requirement of only 100 members to each representative should increase the attendance very materially.

Certificates for purchase of tickets are printed and will be distributed through the departments in ample time.

So far as has been determined, the open unofficial meeting will be held on Monday evening, the 20th, and the parade will take place on Wednesday a. m. of the 22d.

Department chaplains will please report to Rufus L. Chase, A. A. G., state-house, Des Moines, Iowa, for assignments as speakers in the various churches on Sunday, September 19.

Such as can of the past commanders in chief will kindly advise Comrade Chase if they desire to act in a similar capacity.

IV. The commander in chief regrets to announce the death of Comrade Robert W. McBride, judge advocate general, who died at his home in Indian-

apolis, Ind., May 15, 1926, and has appointed in his place Comrade William G. Cochran, Past Commander of the Department of Illinois.

The following committee will prepare and present a memorial at the Sixtieth National Encampment in honor of the memory of Comrade McBride:

Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett.

Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance.

Past Commander in Chief John R. King.

The committee on status of the Grand Army of the Republic and disposition of archives and funds upon dissolution is changed to the following members owing to the deaths of Comrades Charles G. Burton and Robert W. McBride:

Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. VanSant.

Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher.

Past Commander in Chief James Tanner.

V. NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Fort Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.

VI. G. A. R. DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

Alabama.—Lloyd Hotel, Sixth and High Streets.

Arkansas.—Kirkwood Hotel, Fourth and Walnut Streets.

California and Nevada.—Fort Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.

Colorado and Wyoming.—Chamberlain Hotel, Seventh and Locust Streets.

Connecticut.—Irwin Hotel, Sixth and Cherry Streets.

Delaware.—Martin Hotel, Third and Locust Streets.

Florida.—Kirkwood Hotel, Fourth and Walnut Streets.

Georgia and South Carolina.—Rogers Hotel, Sixth and Mulberry Streets.

Idaho.—Irwin Hotel, Sixth and Cherry Streets.

Illinois.—Fort Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.

Indiana.—Randolph Hotel, Fourth and Court Avenue.

Iowa.—Chamberlain Hotel, Seventh and Locust Streets.

Kansas.—Chamberlain Hotel, Seventh and Locust Streets.

Kentucky.—Foster Hotel, Eighth and Walnut Streets.

Maine.—Chamberlain Hotel, Seventh and Locust Streets.

Maryland.—Elliott Hotel, Fourth Street.

Massachusetts.—Fort Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.

Michigan.—Franklin Hotel, Fifth and Locust Streets.

Minnesota.—Chamberlain Hotel, Seventh and Locust Streets.

Missouri.—Chamberlain Hotel, Seventh and Locust Streets.

Montana.—No report.

Nebraska.—Fort Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.

New Hampshire.—Foster Hotel, Eighth and Walnut Streets.

New Jersey.—Martin Hotel, Third and Locust Streets.

New Mexico.—Lloyd Hotel, Sixth and High Streets.

New York.—Fort Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.

North Dakota.—Rogers Hotel, Sixth and Mulberry Streets.

Ohio.—Randolph Hotel, Fourth and Court Streets.

Oregon.—Brown Hotel, Fourth and Chestnut Streets.

Oklahoma.—Kirkwood Hotel, Fourth and Walnut Streets.

Pennsylvania.—Fort Des Moines Hotel, Tenth and Walnut Streets.

Potomac.—Chamberlain Hotel, Seventh and Locust Streets.

Rhode Island.—Martin Hotel, Third and Locust Streets.

South Dakota.—Brown Hotel, Fourth and Chestnut Streets.

Tennessee.—Kirkwood Hotel, Fourth and Walnut Streets.

Texas.—Randolph Hotel, Fourth and Court Avenue.

Utah.—Rogers Hotel, Sixth and Mulberry Streets.

Vermont.—Rogers Hotel, Sixth and Mulberry Streets.

Virginia and North Carolina.—Kirkwood Hotel, Fourth and Walnut Streets.

Washington and Alaska.—Brown Hotel, Fourth and Chestnut Streets.

West Virginia.—Lloyd Hotel, Sixth and High Streets.

Wisconsin.—Wellington Hotel, Fifth and Grand Avenue.

VII. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

ALABAMA

John S. Barr, Post No. 2, Citronelle.

CALIFORNIA

W. H. Gray, Post No. 93, 61 South Greenwood Avenue, Pasadena.
W. H. Mershon, Post No. 6, 110½ South Catalina Street, Los Angeles.
G. M. Sleezer, Post No. 79, 110½ South Catalina Street, Los Angeles.
Wm. H. Marquette, Post No. 153, Soldiers' Home, California.
John T. Nourse, Post No. 113, 457 City Hall, San Francisco.

CONNECTICUT

Harry B. Beers, Post No. 27, Danielson.
Jerome Lent, Post No. 18, 29 Lake Avenue, Danbury.

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

Robert S. Simmons, Post No. 9, Burton, S. C.

ILLINOIS

William Reid, Post No. 30, Winchester.
George Howison, Post. No. 91, 217 East Thirty-first Street, Chicago.

INDIANA

Moses Kinsey, Post No. 67, 1203 South Cedar Street, Auburn.

IOWA

Herman Gast, Post No. 153, Wapello.
O. P. Barnett, Post No. 192, Corydon.
Isaac W. Myers, Post No. 81, Hampton.
John C. Smith, Post No. 419, Gilmore City.
Eugene Allen, Post No. 235, 829 F. Avenue West, Cedar Rapids.
David Allison, Post No. 68, La Porte City.

KANSAS

J. S. Forgey, Post No. 18, Ottawa.
Sidney D. Woodward, Post No. 380, Lansing.
David Allen, Post No. 82, Jetmore.
O. J. Hackney, Post No. 57, Wellington.
A. P. Douthill, Post No. 85, Route 2, Oxford.
D. H. Fay, Post No. 71, 621 West Street, Topeka.
E. D. Haney, Post No. 344, Courtland.
O. S. Casad, Post No. 65, 210 National Bank Building, Pittsburg.
John D. Doubleday, Post No. 27, Caldwell.
A. L. Selig, Post No. 12, Lawrence.
C. H. King, Post No. 225, Valley Falls.
John T. Weaver, Post No. 293, Fort Dodge.

MARYLAND

Lewis C. Fox, Post No. 6, 715 Rosedale Avenue, Baltimore.
Thomas O. Moon, Post No. 76, 34 Elizabeth Avenue, Lansdoan, Balt Co.

MASSACHUSETTS

Richmond L. Weston, Post No. 94, 345 Sherman Street, Canton.
Albert I. Gilman, Lowell.

MICHIGAN

William Guipe, Post No. 205, 1200 North Washington Street, Owosso.
Fred Gill, Post No. 38, 303 Burt Street, Saginaw.
W. J. Fraser, Post No. 17, G. A. R. Building, Detroit.
J. W. Walker, Post No. 32, 222 Washington Avenue, Battle Creek.
G. F. Gardner, Post No. 32, 423 Dounlt Street, Battle Creek.
Ichabod W. Taylor, Post No. 32, 1145 S. Lafayette Ave., Grand Rapids.

MINNESOTA

I. T. Marsh, Post No. 4, Soldiers' Home, Minneapolis.
M. H. Cole, Post No. 123, Faribault.
Jacob Klossner, jr., Post No. 48, New Ulm.

MISSOURI

Peter L. Swartz, Post No. 14, 122 North Joplin Street, Joplin.
C. B. Kurtz, Post No. 8, 3117 Prospect Street, Kansas City.

NEBRASKA

Francis A. Damewood, Post No. 25, 2521 J Street, Lincoln.
G. B. Chase, Post No. 81, Juniata.
Thomas J. Smith, Post No. 207, 506 Twentieth Street west, McCook.
Sheldon Peck, Post No. 52, Blair.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Henry S. Paul, Post No. 1, Portsmouth.

NEW JERSEY

Benjamin Dearing, Post No. 96, 431 Wyoming Avenue, Maplewood.

NEW YORK

Bernard Murphy, Post No. 21, 113 Ross Street, Brooklyn.
William A. Findlay, Post No. 197, 975 East Twenty-ninth Street, Brooklyn.
Thomas E. Holt, Post No. 21, Room 12, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.
John H. Tyson, Post No. 182, 687 Broadway, Flushing.

OHIO

Byron W. Joslin, Post No. 62, R. R. No. 8, Sidney.
Calvin M. Rogers, Post No. 149, 403 East High Street, Bryan.
Abraham Eddy, Post No. 395, 246 East Market Street, Sandusky.
Philander McCrory, Post No. 14, 507 Euclid Avenue, Toledo.
David Rittersback, Post No. 12, care of 708 South Broadway Street, Akron.
Frank G. Stipe, Post No. 12, 708 South Broadway Street, Akron.

OKLAHOMA

W. H. Hunt, Post No. 7, 609 Duck Street, Stillwater.

OREGON

Edward H. Bowers, Post No. 49, 6445 Seventy-first Street SE., Portland.
Isaac Phillips, Post No. 17, 1001 Ugloss Avenue, Dallas.
M. L. Moore, Post No. 29, care of Soldiers' Home, Roseburg.
D. W. Rapalee, Post No. 12, 506 East Forty-sixth Street, North Portland.
James Holman, Post No. 39, Box 144, Grants Pass.

PENNSYLVANIA

Samuel C. Coleman, Post No. 46, 1250 Ringgold Street, Philadelphia.
Benjamin L. Myers, Post No. 46, 1523 Arch Street, Philadelphia.
George W. Land, Post No. 88, 282 West State Avenue, Oakdale.
John Woy, Post No. 30, 420 Horner Street, Johnstown.
Col. Madison G. Fritz, Post No. 433, 161 Columbia Avenue, Greenville.
J. W. Bishop, Post No. 63, 522 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia.
William H. Walter, Post No. 21, 120 South Sixty-second Street, Philadelphia.
Hugh A. Love, Meadville.
John B. Fletcher, Post No. 8, 2023 Boston Avenue, Philadelphia.
A. D. Hutchinson, Post No. 87, 710 Union Street, Allentown.
Emanuel W. Reinhard, Post No. 87, 905½ Allen Street, Allentown.
D. S. Beemer, Post No. 139, 907 Mulberry Street, Scranton.
Leonard E. Johns, Post No. 259, 307 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

POTOMAC

G. H. Kunsman, Post No. 3, 1521 Foxhall Street NW., Washington, D. C.
Dr. Charles V. Petteys, Post No. 8, 3616 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, D. C.
Dr. H. A. Johnson, Post No. 6, 1446 Monroe Street NW., Washington, D. C.
Joseph H. Wier, Post No. 8, 2127 Third Street NE., Washington, D. C.

RHODE ISLAND

Ezra Dixon, 42 High Street, Bristol.
Esek R. Darling, Post No. 27, Sayles Avenue, Pascoag.
Hiram J. Johnson, Post No. 17, 644 Main Street, Pawtucket.
Michael L. Sullivan, Post No. 3, corner Broad and John Streets, Valley Falls.

SOUTH DAKOTA

John E. Davis, Post No. 21, Lennox.

TENNESSEE

James Turner, Post No. 22, 2001 Sharp Street, Chattanooga.
McKendree F. Miller, Post No. 2, 2320 East Main Street, Chattanooga.
John Gray, Post No. 8, R. F. D. No. 10, Greenville.
Abner Read, Post No. 2, care of A. J. Gabagan, Signal Mountain.
John Henry Jones, Post No. 86, 696 Polk Street, Memphis.
Col. J. T. Wolverton, Post No. 7, Jackson.

VERMONT

E. G. Colliston, Post No. 76, Barton.
A. J. Dunton, Post No. 14, Rutland.
S. M. Brush, Post No. 19, Stowe.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

George W. Dexter, Post No. 98, 536 North Walnut Street, Colville, Wash.
 Dudley A. Rollins, Post No. 9, care of Michigan Hotel, Yakima, Wash.
 C. P. L. Roberts, Post No. 63, 112 West Fourth Street, Aberdeen, Wash.
 A. L. Bennett, Post No. 24, P. O. Box 509, Bellingham, Wash.
 G. W. Stafford, Post No. 2, 305 West Sixteenth Street, Vancouver, Wash.
 Roscoe G. Brown, Post No. 6, 3518 South Madison Street, Tacoma, Wash.
 George Avery, Post No. 47, State Armory, Spokane, Wash.
 John W. Proctor, Post No. 97, Burlington, Wash.
 John F. Murphy, Post No. 9, R. I. B-76, care of J. W. Baker, Everett, Wash.
 George W. Lincoln, Post No. 103, 1929 Queen Anna Avenue, Seattle, Wash.

WISCONSIN

Hosea W. Rood, Post No. 11, Milton.
 F. L. Cross, Post No. 7, Omro.
 Richard A. Spink, Post No. L, 438 Jackson Drive, Oshkosh.
 August Schwaubeck, Post No. 1, Memorial Hall, Milwaukee.
 George H. Pounder, Post No. 26, 104 South Third Street, Fort Atkinson.
 G. A. Hannaford, Post No. 1, Memorial Hall, Milwaukee.
 Michael Dailey, Post No. 1, 252 Brady Street, Milwaukee.
 George W. Morton, Post No. 4, Berlin.
 Francis A. Walsh, Post No. 1, Memorial Hall, Milwaukee.

By command of—

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.
 HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT W. MCBRIDE

Judge Advocate General

Robert W. McBride was born in Richland County, Ohio, January 25, 1842, and died at Indianapolis, Ind., May 15, 1926.

His father, Augustus McBride, died in February, 1848, in the City of Mexico, where he was serving with the Seventh United States Infantry.

Comrade McBride enlisted November 27, 1863, in the Seventh Independent Squadron Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, also known as the "Union Light Guard" and "Lincoln's Body Guard." After his discharge, September 9, 1865, he returned to Ohio, thence to Waterloo, Ind., where he engaged in the practice of law.

He was elected judge of the thirty-fifth judicial circuit in 1882 and served six years.

In 1890 he was appointed by Governor Hovey to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Joseph S. Mitchell on the Supreme Court of Indiana.

He helped organize and was one of the first officers of the Third Regiment, Indiana Legion (now the National Guard), holding the rank of colonel until 1891, when he resigned.

He joined the Grand Army of the Republic soon after its organization, being a charter member of Waterloo City Post, of which he was a post commander, and later transferred to George H. Thomas Post, Indianapolis.

In 1917-18 he was adjutant general.

In 1920 he was elected department commander.

In 1921 he was elected senior vice commander in chief.

He was appointed judge advocate general by four commanders in chief and held this office at the time of his death.

His last work was the completion of a small volume, *Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln*.

He was a high-grade man and will be greatly missed.

His wife, Ida S. McBride, and his daughter, Catherine McBride Hoster, have long been prominent in the Woman's Relief Corps, the former having been national president in 1913-14 and the latter being the present incumbent of that office.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 8, }
 SERIES 1925-26 }

HEADQUARTERS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., August 10, 1926.

The following credentials committee will open its register at national headquarters, Fort Des Moines Hotel, at 10 a. m. Monday, the 20th:

Henry B. Davidson, adjutant general, chairman.

John P. Risley, Iowa.

E. B. Heimstreet, Wisconsin.

C. S. Stoddard, California and Nevada.

A. J. Gahagan, Tennessee.

David Strouse, Indiana.

A committee to audit the accounts of the quartermaster general is as follows:

Birt F. Parsons, New York.

Silas H. Towler, Minnesota.

William P. Wright, Illinois.

They will perform their duty at their convenience and will report to the executive committee of the council of administration at 2 p. m. Monday, September 20.

The executive committee of the national council of administration will meet at national headquarters 2 o'clock p. m. Monday, September 20, and the entire council of administration will convene at 3 o'clock p. m., same place and date.

Aids de camp will report to Chief of Staff George A. Hosley at national headquarters 4 p. m. Monday, September 20, and department commanders will report to him at the same place and date at 5 p. m. to receive instructions as to the details of the parade.

Names of department representatives for the committee on resolutions and for the council of administration must reach the adjutant general not later than 3 p. m. Tuesday.

Committees not announced in previous general orders follow:

ON ADDRESS OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Lewis S. Pilcher, New York.

Ell Torrance, Minnesota.

David J. Palmer, Iowa.

Louis F. Arenzberg, Pennsylvania.

Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Ohio.

ON REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS

James Tanner, New York.

Samuel R. Van Sant, Minnesota.

James W. Willett, Iowa.

Washington Gardner, Michigan.

John R. King, Maryland.

Other important daily details subject to change will be as follows: Sunday, the 19th, patriotic services will be held in all churches, and as far as possible the pulpits will be filled by members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

At 8 p. m. Monday, the 20th, will be held the usual semiofficial meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, auxiliary, and other allied organizations at the Coliseum.

Tuesday, 21st, will be given over to reunions, etc., and the general reception under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps will take place at the Capitol Building. To assist in this function all allied societies will be invited.

Wednesday, 22d, at 10 a. m., will take place the parade, under the immediate command of Comrade George A. Hosley, chief of staff, and the commander in chief invokes the hearty cooperation of all in authority to assist the chief of staff in making this parade one of our best. For those who are not able to march automobiles in abundance will be provided.

At 8 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, the 22d, will be held the big campfire in the Coliseum. Thursday, 23d, at 10 o'clock a. m., the sixtieth national encampment will be called to order in the Coliseum. General order No. 9 will be issued at Des Moines, which will give all details of the parade, such as order of the rank by departments, etc.

Everything points to a large and profitable encampment, and we vividly recall the unsurpassable welcome of four years ago in the wonderful convention city of Des Moines.

The following changes are announced: Adrian C. Sloan, Department of Connecticut, to the council of administration and to the executive committee of the national council, in place of David W. Sharpe, deceased.

TABLET FOR LOGAN'S GENERAL ORDER ESTABLISHING MEMORIAL DAY

Reference was made of this important matter in general order No. 7, with a hope expressed that the Grand Army of the Republic might contribute a substantial fund to the purchasing and installation of such tablet.

I am glad to report that our National Woman's Relief Corps has agreed to pay the entire expense, which amount, when ascertained, will be turned over to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and will be held in trust by him subject to the order of Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker and her authorized committee.

Thus the money will be paid through the Grand Army of the Republic by the kindness and goodness of our auxiliary, which is another evidence of the aid, support, and constant loyalty of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The importance of perpetuating General Logan's order establishing Memorial Day can not be overestimated, and the location in the Amphitheater of Arlington Cemetery, Virginia, is unsurpassed for this sacred purpose.

May we, in passing, kindly remember the Disabled American Veterans of the World War when on "Argonne Day," September 25, they make their Forget-Me-Not appeal?

Many of these younger warriors not so long ago returned from over the seas with crowns of victory upon their brows, won on the hard-fought fields of France.

The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aids-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief.

OREGON

James P. Shaw, 575 Court House, Portland, Oreg.
 D. B. Hanson, 575 Court House, Portland, Oreg.
 James K. P. Jackson, 575 Court House, Portland, Oreg.
 J. F. Nelson, Mulino, Oreg.
 Samuel Paisley, Banks, Oreg.
 H. S. Lilligar, 1073 East Morrison Street, Portland, Oreg.
 August Wentz, St. Johns, Portland, Oreg.
 L. C. Washburn, McMinville, Oreg.
 Albert Strauss, 551 East Sixty-first North, Portland, Oreg.
 J. E. Noll, McMinville, Oreg.
 H. A. Collins, St. Johns, Portland, Oreg.
 R. R. Ryan, Salem, Oreg.
 S. B. Cathcart, Box 157, North Bend, Oreg.
 L. N. Guy, 575 Court House, Portland, Oreg.
 John W. Hall, 575 Court House, Portland, Oreg.
 S. H. Enyeart, Post 55, Huntington Park, Calif.
 John E. Lacey, Post 321, Virginia, Ill.
 James Knowles, Post 10, Azalia, Mich.
 J. F. Cotton, Post No. 216, Mount Clemens, Mich.
 Isaac C. Tipton, Post 1, Columbus, Ohio.
 Maj. W. M. Bobb, Post 3, Washington, D. C.
 L. L. Hudson, Dept. Com., Salt Lake City, Utah.
 C. W. A. Schnell, assistant adjutant general, Salt Lake City, Utah.

By command of—

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.
 HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 9
 SERIES 1925-1926 }

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Des Moines, Iowa, September 19, 1926.

I. As previously announced in General Orders, No. 8, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Sixtieth National Encampment will take place at Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, September 22, 1926, at 10 a. m.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under the command of the senior officer of the department, present at the encampment. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority

of date of charter and will form in columns of four files front. Each department will promptly take up the line of march as uncovered. Distance between departments will be 60 feet; between posts, 20 feet; between files, 6 feet, which distance must be maintained throughout the march.

III. The column will form promptly at 9.15 a. m. and move at 10 a. m. sharp.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported at 9.45 a. m. by Col. H. H. Polk, marshal of parade, to George A. Hosley, chief of staff to the commander in chief.

A preparatory gun will be fired at 9.45 a. m. Another gun, fired at 10 a. m., will be the signal to march.

VI. Department commanders will carefully oversee the formation of their respective departments and will close up to the left of the department on the right, but on the march will maintain a distance of 60 feet between departments. Markers will be placed, designating the place of formation of each department. The guide will be right throughout the march.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand, but will continue the march with their departments to the place of dismissal of the column. No organization will be allowed to leave the column until regularly dismissed.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stand colors will be dipped at six paces from the reviewing officer and will be maintained at salute until six paces beyond him. Officers with side arms will give the officers' salute with the sword. Officers without side arms will salute by touching the right hand to the brim of the hat and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in ranks will not salute, but will turn their eyes toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organization, so that the marching column may maintain the same step. All bands will play in passing the entire length of the reviewing stand.

X. The march will be in common time, the cadence 90 steps to the minute. The bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand at State Capitol grounds.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic present in Des Moines will make an effort to participate in the parade, whether he has a uniform or not, but it is hoped that all will make an effort to appear in regulation uniform of the order.

XIII. Women, children, and civilians will be prohibited from participating in the parade, and department commanders are directed to enforce this order in their respective departments.

XIV. No flags or standards, except the national and State flags and department and post flags and standards, will be allowed in the parade. Regimental flags or banners will not be allowed. No flags will be allowed in the parade except those flying from the staff.

XV. All caricatures and undignified exhibitions of any kind whatsoever will be excluded from the parade.

XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief in automobiles will ride at the head of the column in advance of the national aids-de-camp. Automobiles or carriages will not be allowed in the parade column in or between the departments. Automobiles will be furnished for comrades who are unable to march, and these automobiles will be found at Hotel Fort Des Moines, Hotel Savery, Manhattan Hotel, and Polk County Court House, Sixth Street.

XVII. When the column reaches the corner of East Sixth Street it will halt to permit the commander in chief's party to draw out and proceed to the grand stand. The commander in chief and all other national officers and past commanders in chief will leave the parade and take their places on the reviewing stand. Their automobiles will continue on to East Ninth Street and wait until the parade passes by. They will return to the reviewing stand and the commander in chief and all national officers and past commanders in chief will take their places in their respective automobiles and return to Hotel Fort Des Moines.

XVIII. Aids-de-camp to the commander in chief will report to the senior aid-de-camp, Col. Walter L. Funk, and assistant adjutant general, Rufus Chase, at 9 a. m., on west side of Tenth Street, between Walnut and Locust.

XIX. National officers, members of the executive committee and past commanders in chief will report to the chief of staff at the Hotel Fort Des Moines at 9 a. m. on day of parade for assignment to automobiles.

XX. The line of march will be 1 mile in length, over asphalt streets, as follows, starting at Tenth and Locust:

(a) The line will form as follows: Platoon of mounted police will form on Locust Street east of Tenth, First Division all troops, Locust west of Tenth.

(b) The sons of Union veterans of the Civil War, Edwin C. Irelan, commander in chief, and under the command of division commander, will form on east side of Tenth Street south of Locust Street. Old Guard two companies will form on east side of Tenth Street, south of Locust, right resting on Sons of Veterans.

(c) The commander in chief, national officers, executive committee, and past commanders in chief in automobiles will form on east side of Tenth Street, right resting on the Old Guard.

(d) National aids de camp will form on west side of Tenth Street, south of Locust Street, right resting on past commanders in chief.

The departments will form in order of seniority as follows:

1. Department of Illinois, John E. Andrew, commander, headed by the National Association of Civil War Musicians, ——— president, will form on the east side of Tenth Street north of Locust, right resting on Locust.

2. Department of Wisconsin, Henry Stannard, commander, will form on the west side of Tenth Street, north of Locust, right resting on left of Illinois.

3. Department of Pennsylvania, Samuel P. Town, commander, will form on east side of Tenth Street, north of Grand Avenue, right resting on left of Department of Wisconsin.

4. Department of Ohio, Levi H. Derby, commander, will form on west side of Tenth Street, north of Grand.

5. Department of New York, Dr. John Van Duyn, commander, will form on east side of Ninth Street, south of Locust Street.

6. Department of Connecticut, James R. Young, commander, will form on east side of Ninth Street, south of Locust Street.

7. Department of Massachusetts, William F. Brown, commander, will form on east side of Ninth Street, south of Walnut Street.

8. Department of New Jersey, Joseph A. Goodrich, commander, will form on east side of Ninth Street, south of Walnut Street.

9. Department of Maine, Nathaniel W. White, commander, will form on west side of Ninth Street, south of Locust.

10. Department of California and Nevada, Peter H. Mass, commander, will form on west side of Ninth Street, south of Locust Street, resting on Department of Maine.

11. Department of Rhode Island, Robert M. Pollard, commander, will form on west side of Ninth Street, south of Walnut Street.

12. Department of New Hampshire, Albert T. Barr, commander, will form on west side of Ninth Street, south of Walnut Street. Right resting on Rhode Island.

13. Department of Vermont, A. C. Stoughton, commander, will form on east side of Ninth Street, north of Locust Street.

14. Department of Potomac, Dr. Charles V. Petteys, commander, will form on east side of Ninth Street, north of Locust. Resting on Department of Vermont.

15. Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Charles H. Haber, commander, will form on east side of Ninth Street, north of Grand.

16. Department of Maryland, George T. Leech, commander, will form on east side of Ninth Street, north of Grand Avenue. Resting on Department of North Carolina.

17. Department of Nebraska, J. O. Moore, commander, will form on west side of Ninth Street, north of Locust Street.

18. Department of Michigan will form on west side of Ninth Street, north of Locust Street. Resting on Department of Nebraska.

20. Department of Indiana, James W. Spain, commander, will form on west side of Ninth Street, north of Grand Avenue.

21. Department of Colorado and Wyoming, W. M. Robertson, commander, will form on west side of Ninth Street, north of Grand Avenue. Right resting on Department of Indiana.

22. Department of Kansas, Samuel Baughman, commander, will form on west side of Ninth Street, north of Grand Avenue. Resting on Departments of Colorado and Wyoming.

23. Department of Delaware. Richard G. Buckingham, commander, will form on west side of Ninth Street, north of High Street. Resting on Department of Kansas.

24. Department of Minnesota, P. B. Gorman, commander, will form on east side of Eighth Street, north of Locust Street.

25. Department of Missouri, John W. Langly, commander, will form on east side of Eighth Street, north of Locust Street. Resting on Department of Minnesota.

26. Department of Oregon, William Clemens, commander, will form on east side of Eighth Street, north of Locust Street. Resting on Department of Missouri.

27. Department of Kentucky, Albert Scott, commander, will form on east side of Eighth Street, north of Grand Avenue.

28. Department of West Virginia, William Keely, commander, will form on east side of Eighth Street, north of Grand Avenue. Resting on Department of Kentucky.

29. Department of South Dakota, R. T. Sudam, commander, will form on east side of Eighth Street, north of Grand Avenue. Resting on Department of West Virginia.

30. Department of Washington and Alaska, J. H. Shaw, commander, will form on east side of Eighth Street, north of High Street.

31. Department of Arkansas, John L. Hayes, commander, will form on east side of Eighth Street, north of High Street. Resting on Department of Washington and Alaska.

32. Department of New Mexico, John R. McFie, commander, will form on east side of Eighth Street, north of High Street. Resting on Department of Arkansas.

33. Department of Utah, L. L. Hudson, commander, will form on west side of Eighth Street, north of Locust Street.

34. Department of Tennessee, John Gray, commander, will form on west side of Eighth Street, north of Locust Street. Resting on Department of Utah.

35. Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, Elihu A. Robinson, commander, will form on west side of Eighth Street, north of Locust. Resting on Department of Tennessee.

36. Department of Florida, A. R. Sawyer, commander, will form on west side of Eighth Street, north of Grand Avenue.

37. Department of Montana, Jacob Ohl, commander, will form on west side of Eighth Street, north of Grand Avenue. Resting on Department of Florida.

38. Department of Texas, D. L. Wagner, commander, will form on west side of Eighth Street, north side of Grand Avenue. Resting on Montana.

39. Department of Idaho, John S. Thorn, commander, will form on west side of Eighth Street, north of High Street.

41. Department of Georgia and South Carolina, Benjamin F. Pim, commander, will form on west side of Eighth Street, north of High. Resting on Department of Arizona.

42. Department of Alabama, W. W. Clapp, commander, will form on west side of Eighth Street. Resting on Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

43. Department of North Dakota, J. H. Searight, commander, will form on south side of Pleasant Street, west of Eighth Street.

44. Department of Oklahoma, N. D. McGinley, commander, will form on north side of Pleasant Street, west of Eighth Street. Resting on North Dakota.

45. National Association of Naval Veterans, Loomis Schofield, commander, will form on north side of Pleasant Street. Resting on Department of Oklahoma.

19. Department of Iowa, E. J. Stonebraker, commander. Through point of courtesy, the Department of Iowa takes the extreme left of the line and will form on High Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets.

46. Disabled veterans in automobiles, under the supervision of Mr. Raf-fensberger, will form at Hotel Fort Des Moines, Savery Hotel, Manhattan Hotel, and at Polk County Court House at 9.15 a. m., and move to point of formation.

XXI. All department commanders shall report to the adjutant general not later than 3 p. m., Tuesday, September 21, 1926, the names of comrades elected by the several departments for the committee on resolutions and national council of administration.

XXII. National headquarters and meeting places in Des Moines, Iowa, are as follows so far as information is received at this office:

HOTEL FORT DES MOINES

(a) Grand Army of the Republic—John B. Inman, commander in chief, and staff.

Woman's Relief Corps—Catherine McBride Hoster, national president, and staff.

National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, Alice Cary Risley, national president and staff.

Committee to prepare and present testimonial to the commander in chief, past commanders in chief:

LEWIS S. PILCHER.
SAMUEL R. VAN SANT.
DAVID J. PALMER.

Drafted by—

GEO. A. HOSLEY,
Chief of Staff.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.

Attest:

HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 1, 1926 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., May 1, 1926.

1. Parker N. Lathop, who has been acting as department commander of the Department of Oregon, being ineligible thereto, the office is hereby declared vacant.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of section 2, article 6 of chapter 3 of the rules and regulations, J. F. Nelson, senior vice department commander of the department, succeeds to the title and duties of that office and performs the duties incident thereto to the end of the current term, including the convening of the council of administration of the department and the election of a junior vice department commander.

By command of—

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.
HENRY B. DAVIDSON,
Adjutant General.

CIRCULAR LETTER }
No. 1,
SERIES 1925-26 }

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Springfield, Ill., November 15, 1925.

COMRADES: Your commander in chief is of the opinion that a pension bill embodying only the veterans of the Civil War, their widows, and the Army nurses is the demand of the hour; and in furtherance of this supreme ambition he is calling upon all the department commanders and other comrades, as well as our auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and other allied societies, to get in touch with their Senators and Congressmen at the earliest possible moment, on the following: That every Union soldier who enlisted prior to April 9, 1865, served 90 days, and was honorably discharged shall receive \$72 per month; any widow married prior to 1910 shall receive \$50 per month; Civil War nurses \$50 per month; totally disabled soldier, who requires an attendant, \$125 per month; and loss of arm or leg, \$100 per month.

Ninety per cent or more of the comrades favor this legislation and what is done must be done quickly, as the average age of these old history makers is 82.

No system of economy, however much we may desire to lower taxation, should delay a reasonable increase in the pensions of these men, who preserved the Union and made everything else possible. I mean no disrespect to any Spanish-American veteran nor to any comrade of the World War, but it appears to me to be a case of first things first, and it will be recalled that we were 29 years securing a service pension.

Shall be glad to hear from department commanders and others as to progress. We have an experienced and active committee on legislation in Washington, to whom all information will be promptly forwarded.

JOHN B. INMAN,
Commander in Chief.

In Memoriam



THEY WERE NOT GREATER, THEY WERE NOT BETTER,
THAN THE MIGHTY HOST WITH WHOM THEY MARCHED
TO THE RIVER'S BRINK; BUT THEY HAD BEEN
PREFERRED FOR LEADERSHIP AND HAD ACQUITTED
THEMSELVES NOBLY AND WELL



In Memoriam



CHARLES GERMAN BURTON

Charles German Burton, past commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died March 25, 1926. His services as the head of the Grand Army were rendered in 1907 and 1908, his election having been secured at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., in September, 1907, and his presidency having been exercised at the encampment at Toledo, Ohio, in September, 1908. For 19 years, therefore, as commander and past commander in chief he occupied a conspicuous position in the councils of the Grand Army, and exercised an influence second to none in determining its policies. He served as chairman of many important committees. He ever displayed a deliberate judicial mind; and the forcible manner and well-chosen language in which he clothed the expression of his opinions always gave to such opinions great weight. His personality was cordial and winning but accompanied with a certain gravity of manner that ensured respect and repelled undue familiarity. He was a man of affairs and influence that was bounded by no State or party or coterie. The record of his life is that of an ideal American patriot. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, April 4, 1846; therefore he had practically completed the eightieth year of life when he dropped from the ranks but 10 days before the exact period had been accomplished. When the bombardment of Fort Sumter ushered in the Civil War, young Burton had just entered upon his sixteenth year. With characteristic impetuosity and positiveness of decision, notwithstanding his immature age, he enlisted as soon as he could secure admission to the ranks. September, 1861, found him a private in the Nineteenth Ohio Infantry. one of the earliest of the great host of the boys below military age who, gathered from every State, did such valiant work for the Union in the years that followed. Like many others of these boys, his physical strength was outrun by his patriotic zeal, and a twelvemonth later he was returned to his home with broken health.

When he was sent home on October 29, 1862, he had taken part in many skirmishes in the Tennessee and Kentucky campaigns of 1861 and 1862, and had done his bit gallantly at the Battle of Shiloh.

Then came two years of such schooling as his broken health made possible. Then a new enlistment in April, 1864, for a hundred days in the One hundred and seventy-first Ohio Volunteers. During this period he enjoyed the rank of a corporal. He finally doffed the uniform on the expiration of this term of enlistment in August, 1864. He is now 18 years of age, but with an experience and mental scope of a mature man. He begins to study law; is admitted to practice at 21 years of age; removes to Missouri in 1868; is elected circuit judge in 1880, and serves as such for seven years, when the office was abolished. He became an active Republican partisan, and in 1894 was elected to Congress by a majority of 2,500 votes in a district overwhelmingly Democratic. In 1907 he was appointed by President Roosevelt internal revenue collector at Kansas City, Mo., in which capacity he served for eight years, when a most serious physical breakdown compelled him to resign and to seek the solace of the more equable climate of Portland, Oreg. By this change, for 10 years more his life was prolonged and it is the genial, hopeful, helpful, candid, forcible, accomplished man of these last 10 years that will remain in the minds of his comrades of the present day as the picture of this ideal American.

Judge Burton was married January 1, 1874, to Alice A. Rogers, of Clinton, Mo. Of three children who were born to them, Mrs. Ralph Coan, of Portland, Oreg., with her mother, alone remains to mourn him.

Comrade Burton spent his last days in Missouri. For a month he, with his wife, had been visiting a niece living in Kansas City. No doubt it would have pleased him to know that the "Taps" which sounded his requiem should have been echoed by the hills and plains he loved so well, where his contests had been fought and his victories won.

LEWIS S. PILCHER,
LEO RASSIEUR,
JOHN R. KING,
JAMES TANNER,
Committee.



CHARLES G. BURTON
Past Commander in Chief



DANIEL M. HALL
Past Commander in Chief



In Memoriam



DANIEL MUNSON HALL

Past Commander in Chief

Born, October 20, 1843, Wellington, Ohio.

Died, October 19, 1925, Columbus, Ohio.

Enlisted 1861, Company H, Second Ohio Volunteer Cavalry; discharged for disability from this service; reenlisted Company F, Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry; promoted to sergeant major.

Elected Department Commander of Ohio G. A. R. 1918; Senior Vice Commander in Chief G. A. R. 1919; succeeded to the office of commander in chief on the death of Comrade James D. Bell.

In all these things Comrade Hall was faithful to the trust reposed on him. He served the Grand Army of the Republic well and was ever alert in his service to assist his comrades of the great Civil War. As a citizen he was universally respected and his many admirable traits of character gathered about him sincere friends.

Thus has passed one of our leaders on whom we reposed position and confidence, and he did not fail us—he is typical of that grand army of youth who 65 years ago sprang to the defense of the colors and the Union.

Modest in deportment, but steadfast in his duty as a citizen as well as soldier, and we mourn his loss; notwithstanding the inevitableness of the event which shall not be long postponed for any of us who wore the blue and served under the colors in the momentous struggle in which in our youthful days we were engaged.

“ Sleep, Comrade, sleep and take your rest,
The battle's o'er, and on your breast
The flag you loved lies folded.

“ Your Comrades gather 'round your bier
And down the cheek the silent tear is stealing;
They knew your valor and your worth,
But ne'er again upon this earth they'll greet you.

"But on beyond the picket line
Where Christ commands in Camp Divine,
They'll greet you.

"Sleep on, my Comrade, take your rest.
Life's toils are o'er and on your breast
The flag you loved lies folded."

The committee recommend the adoption of the foregoing memorial; that it be published in the Journal proceedings; and that a volume of said Journal, properly inscribed by the commander in chief and the adjutant general, be presented to his widow.

Respectfully submitted.

ELL TORRANCE,
Past Commander in Chief.

SILAS H. TOWLER,
Past Junior Vice Commander in Chief.



In Memoriam



ROBERT W. McBRIDE

Judge Advocate General

Gen. Robert W. McBride was born in Richland County, Ohio, January 25, 1842, and died at Indianapolis, Ind., May 15, 1926.

His father, Augustus McBride, died in February, 1848, in the City of Mexico, while serving in the Seventh United States Infantry.

Comrade McBride enlisted in the War of the Rebellion November 27, 1863, in the Seventh Independent Squadron, Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, known as the "Union Light Guard" and "Lincoln's Body Guard."

He was present and heard President Lincoln deliver his second inaugural address. He witnessed the first meeting of President Lincoln and General Grant at the White House in 1864 and was present at the funeral services of the martyr President in the East Room of the White House in April, 1865.

Comrade McBride was discharged September 9, 1865, and returned to Ohio, thence to Waterloo, Ind., where he engaged in the practice of law.

He was elected judge of the Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit of Indiana in 1882 and served six years. In 1890 he was appointed by Governor Hovey to fill the unexpired term of Judge Joseph S. Mitchell, deceased, in the Supreme Court of Indiana, and at the expiration of that term he resumed the practice of law at Indianapolis, Ind., continuing until 1904, when he accepted the office of counsel for the loan department of the State Life Insurance Co. at Indianapolis, which office he retained until his death.

Comrade McBride helped to organize, and was one of the first officers of the Third Regiment, Indiana Legion (now the National Guard), holding the rank of colonel until 1891, when he resigned.

He joined the Grand Army of the Republic soon after its organization, being a charter member of Waterloo City Post of which he was post commander, and later transferred to George H. Thomas Post, Indianapolis. In 1917-18 he was adjutant general. In 1920 he was elected department commander. In 1921 he was elected senior vice commander in chief. He was appointed judge advocate general by four commanders in chief and held that office at the time of his death.

His last work was the completion of a small volume, *Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln*.

Comrade McBride was married September 27, 1868, at Waterloo, Ind., to Ida S. Chamberlain, daughter of Dr. James N. Chamberlain, a physician and surgeon who served as major of the One hundred and fifty-second Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. His wife, Ida S. McBride, and his daughter, Catherine McBride Hoster, survive him; they have long been prominent in the Woman's Relief Corps, the former having been national president in 1913-14 and the latter being the present incumbent of that office.

Comrade McBride was prominent in many civic and fraternal organizations for the betterment of mankind and support of our Government, and was a zealous champion of the principles of true Americanism and a determined foe of all movements which fostered racial or religious dissension or which threatened the sanctity of the American Constitution.

In the death of our comrade the Grand Army of the Republic and our country lost a man, true to every trust, a man who advocated every movement both public and private, that had for its purpose the advancement of our civilization and the promotion of patriotic ideals.

Comrade Robert W. McBride is dead after a long and useful life, the many years of which were rich in service to his family, friends, comrades, State, and Nation. He was a patriotic and a good citizen; a loyal comrade; a devoted husband and father. We miss him and revere his memory.

JAMES W. WILLETT,
JNO. R. KING,
ELL TORRANCE,
Committee.



ROBERT W. McBRIDE
Judge Advocate General



LEVI LONGFELLOW
National Patriotic Instructor



In Memoriam



LEVI LONGFELLOW

Born May 10, 1842, Machias, Me. Died February 26, 1926, Minneapolis, Minn.

Enlisted August 9, 1862, Company B, Sixth Minnesota Infantry: promoted to principal musician March 1, 1865; discharged August 19, 1865.

Our Comrade Longfellow came with his family from Maine to Minnesota in 1851 and his life has been closely identified with the development of the great North Star State during his lifetime.

When 20 years old he walked from his home to Fort Snelling to enlist, and then returned to his home to inform his parents of what he had done and to stay at home for that night. This involved a walk of 30 miles.

He served faithful and well in his regiment, participating not only in the Sioux Indian War campaign of 1862, and had the hardships incident to such a campaign, being in two of the principal engagements with the Indians of that conflict, but also to the end of the Civil War.

When he returned to civil life he entered into business pursuits, in which he was eminently successful. He devoted much of his time to the Methodist Church, of which he was a very faithful member. Was one of the trustees of the Asbury Hospital and treasurer of that body. He became actively interested in the Grand Army of the Republic and was Department Commander of Minnesota in 1906. In 1909 he was appointed a trustee of the Minnesota Soldiers' Home and served for six years.

When the position of department patriotic instructor was established by the national encampment, he was appointed department patriotic instructor and for several years carried on that work, and, in fact, up to the very end. He was the national patriotic instructor for each of the years 1912, 1921, 1924, and 1925, serving as such at the time of his death.

He was also commissioned by the governor of the State to be one of the commission to place monuments at important points where his regiment was engaged. This he attended to with care and fidelity.

Of his family remaining are two gracious daughters, and a son who served in the World War; also several brothers and sisters.

To all we extend our heartfelt sympathy, but congratulate them that their family has produced one who has lived so long and so worthily.

A stained-glass window memorial to Comrade Longfellow was erected in the chapel of the Minnesota Soldiers' Home by one of the allied orders.

The committee recommend the adoption of the foregoing memorial; that it be published in the journal proceedings; and that a volume of said journal, properly inscribed by the commander in chief and the adjutant general, be presented to his children.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL R. VAN SANT,
Past Commander in Chief.

ELL TORRANCE,
Past Commander in Chief.

SILAS H. TOWLER,
Past Junior Vice Commander in Chief.



In Memoriam



ARKANSAS

COMRADE W. C. AKERS

Past Department Commander, Born August 24, 1841, Died
September 5, 1925

CALIFORNIA

COMRADE W. S. DAUBENSPECK

Past Department Commander, Has Passed Away

COMRADE WILLIAM B. MAYDWELL

Past Department Commander, Born 1843, Died October 6, 1925

COMRADE HENRY T. SMITH

Past Department Commander, Born 1843, Died October 11, 1925

COMRADE W. C. ALBERGER

Past Department Commander, Died November 15, 1925

FLORIDA

COMRADE ALBERT C. SHAFFER

Department Commander, Died in Office, December 23, 1925

COMRADE I. A. BROWN

Became Department Commander

COMRADE I. A. BROWN

Department Commander, Died February 5, 1926



In Memoriam



GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

COMRADE P. R. BOOKER

Senior Vice Department Commander, Died in Office,
September 15, 1925

COMRADE W. H. KIMBALL

Past Department Commander, Born 1843, Died October 17, 1925

COMRADE GEORGE E. WHITMAN

Past Department Commander, Died November 25, 1925, in Office
as Assistant Adjutant General

IDAHO

COMRADE SILAS WILSON

Past Department Commander, Born May 6, 1846, Died
December 29, 1925

COMRADE GEORGE GARDNER

Past Department Commander, Died August 9, 1926

INDIANA

COMRADE STEVEN I. BROWN

Past Surgeon General, Born June 17, 1848, Died October 6, 1925

KANSAS

COMRADE CORWIN A. MEEK

Past Department Commander, Died November 14, 1925

COMRADE JOHN N. HARRISON

Past Department Commander, Died February 14, 1926

COMRADE BERNARD KELLY

Past Department Commander, Died March 18, 1926



In Memoriam



KENTUCKY

COMRADE S. D. VAN PELT

Past Department Commander, Born October 15, 1836, Died
March 25, 1925

COMRADE J. R. HOWARD

Past Department Commander, Died June 30, 1925

COMRADE BERNARD MATHEWS

Past Department Commander, Born July 27, 1847, Died
September 8, 1925

MAINE

COMRADE JAMES L. MERRICK

Past Department Commander, Born March 24, 1845, Died
August 11, 1925

MASSACHUSETTS

COMRADE DANIEL DENNY

Past Department Commander, Died November 17, 1925

MISSOURI

COMRADE SAMUEL M. MANN

Past Department Commander, Died February 4, 1926

NEBRASKA

COMRADE GRIFFITH J. THOMAS

Past Department Commander, Died February 28, 1926

COMRADE GEORGE C. HUMPHRAY

Past Department Commander, Born January 28, 1846, Buried in
Grand Island, Nebr., June 26, 1925

COMRADE JOHN A. EHRHARDT

Past Department Commander, Born in Germany 1849, Died
November 6, 1925



In Memoriam



NEW JERSEY

COMRADE LEE GOSS

Past National Patriotic Instructor, Died November 20, 1925

COMRADE FRANK BRIDEN, SR.

Past Department Commander, died August 26, 1926, Who Was also Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster General

NEW MEXICO

COMRADE JOHN SHANK

Past Department Commander, Died February 27, 1926

OHIO

COMRADE WILLIAM S. MATTHEWS

Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, Department of Ohio, Born January 1, 1847, Died in Office February 7, 1926

COMRADE WALTER WEBER

Assistant Adjutant General, Died August 2, 1926

OKLAHOMA

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER J. H. NORTON

Died in Office December 1, 1925

COMRADE S. P. STRAHAN

Assistant Adjutant General, Died in Office January, 1926

TENNESSEE

COMRADE WILL A. McTEER

Past Department Commander, Died at Age 82 Years

COMRADE W. W. LOWRY

Past Department Commander, Died June 1, 1926

In Memoriam

VERMONT

COMRADE LORENZO W. BUSH

Past Department Commander, Died November 30, 1925

COMRADE CHARLES T. S. PIERCE

Past Department Commander, Died December 5, 1925

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER H. WEISS

Died May 11, 1926

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

GEORGE W. BURCHFIELD

Died April 14, 1926

WEST VIRGINIA

COMRADE W. S. GRAFTON

Past Department Commander, Died August 2, 1925

WISCONSIN

COMRADE FRANK N. FOX

Senior Vice Commander, Department of Wisconsin, Died in
Office December 19, 1925, Aged 83 years

COMRADE TOM L. JOHNSON

Born July 6, 1845, Died January 26, 1926, in Office; Department
Commander of Wisconsin Army and Navy Union

COMRADE LEANDER FERGUSON

Past Department Commander, Died April 24, 1926

COMPLETE ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FOUNDED BY DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, AT DECATUR, ILL.,
APRIL 6, 1866

First commander in chief

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois

ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois
First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois
First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	STEPHEN A. HURLBURT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA. JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	NORTON P. CHAPMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> ¹ -----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C. MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS. MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL MILLER, New York
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN. MAY 14, 15, 1873

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA. MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL. MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA. JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, New York. ² MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I. JUNE 26, 27, 1877

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

² Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
JUNE 4, 1878

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VAN DERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y.
JUNE 17, 18, 1879

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO
JUNE 8, 9, 1880

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
JUNE 15, 16, 1881

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD. JUNE 21-23, 1882

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. E. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO. JUNE 25, 26, 1883

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVEG, Iowa.

EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. JUNE 23-25, 1884

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME. JUNE 24, 25, 1885

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

**TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
AUGUST 4-6, 1886**

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

**TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WHELOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.
AUGUST 28-30, 1889**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS. AUGUST 13, 14, 1890

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, ³ Massachusetts. GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH. AUGUST 5-7, 1891

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED. PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.

TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C. SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

³ Died in office.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLOR, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

**THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y.
AUGUST 25-27, 1897**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, ³ Illinois. W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
Surgeon general-----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
Adjutant general-----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general-----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
Inspector general-----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
Judge advocate general-----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA. SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
Surgeon general-----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
Adjutant general-----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
Quartermaster general-----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
Inspector general-----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
Judge advocate general-----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL. AUGUST 29, 30, 1900

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
Surgeon general-----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
Adjutant general-----	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
Quartermaster general-----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general-----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
Judge advocate general-----	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	JOHN McELROY, Washington, D. C.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
Surgeon general-----	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
Adjutant general-----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general-----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
Inspector general-----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
Judge advocate general-----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.
OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSLER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.
AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, ³ Massachusetts. JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland. GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee. E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, ³ Missouri. OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.
SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

³ Died in office.

FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. AUGUST 16, 17, 1906

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y. SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907

Headquarters established Kansas City. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH AUGUST 12, 13, 1909

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM R. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y. AUGUST 24, 25, 1911

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. MCCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. SEPTEMBER 9, 14, 1912

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, Maine. ⁴ A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

⁴ Resigned.

FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH. SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, ⁸ Michigan.
	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
	{ OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C. SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,863.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEO. H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEVANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO. AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 149,074.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Detroit, Mich.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, Newark, N. J.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS. AUGUST 20-25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

⁸ Died in office.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG. AUGUST 18-24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio. Membership, 110,357.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, ³ Brooklyn, N. Y.
	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, Brooklyn, N. Y.
	{ JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

³ Died in office.

FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SARLE, San Francisco, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CRAVEN V. GARDNER, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS. SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Springs, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.

FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.
AUGUST 10-15, 1924

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS F. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHAS. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 55,817.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon gencral</i> -----	JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM P. MCKINSEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspcctor general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 19 TO SEPTEMBER 25, 1926

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHAS. H. HENRY, Eau Claire, Wis.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES KAYSER, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate gencral</i> -----	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

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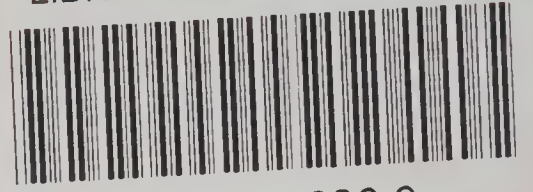
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